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U.S., Germany to provide battle tanks to Ukraine

Associated Press
BERLIN

Germany and the United States said on Wednesday they will send battle tanks to Ukraine, the first stage of a coordinated effort by the West to provide dozens of the heavy weapons to help Kyiv break combat stalemates as Russia's invasion enters its 12th month.

President Joe Biden said the U.S. will send 31 M1 Abrams tanks to Ukraine.

The U.S. decision follows Germany agreeing to send Leopard 2 A6 tanks. After weeks of hesitation that created impatience among Germany's allies, Chancellor Olaf Scholz said his government would send 14 Leopard 2 tanks and clear requests by other countries to do the same.

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Multiple creeds and languages essence of India, says Murmu

President lauds architects of the Constitution, says their collective wisdom has guided India's transformation from a poor nation to a confident one

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Path ahead: President Droupadi Murmu addressing the nation on the eve of the 74th Republic Day on Wednesday. PTI

India has succeeded as a democratic republic because many creeds and languages have united and not divided the country, President Droupadi Murmu said on Wednesday, in her address to the nation on the eve of its 74th Republic Day.

"That is the essence of India. That essence was at the heart of the Constitution, which has withstood the test of time," she said in her first Republic Day address as President.

Lauding the architects of the Constitution, Ms. Murmu said that India's transformation from a largely poor and illiterate nation into a confident one would not have been possible but for the "collective wisdom" of the Constitution makers. Their vision continues to guide the republic, she said.

"While Babasaheb Ambedkar and others gave us a map and a moral framework, the task of walking that path remains our responsibility," Ms. Murmu said.

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SMK, Sudha Murty among 8 from State to get Padma awards

The Hindu Bureau
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Eight personalities from the poll-bound Karnataka have been chosen for this year's Padma awards, including veteran politician S.M. Krishna who has been selected for the Padma Vibhushan and noted Kannada novelist S.L. Bhyrappa and Infosys Foundation chairperson Sudha Murty who have been selected for the Padma Bhushan.

Those chosen for the Padma Shri are Khadar Valli Dudekula (Science & Engineering), Rani Machaiah (Art), Pindipapanahalli Munivenkatappa (Art), Shah Rasheed Ahmed Quadri (Art), and S. Subbaraman (Archaeology).

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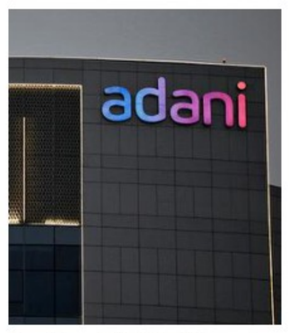
Adani shares fall as short-seller flags its 'substantial debt'

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Shares of the Adani Group's listed companies, including its recently acquired cement and media units, fell across the board on Wednesday with losses ranging from 1.5% to 8% in the wake of U.S.-based short-seller Hindenburg Research raising concerns about the Gujarat-based conglomerate's "substantial debt" that had put the entire group on a "precarious financial footing".

"Today we reveal the findings of our 2-year investigation, presenting evidence that the... Adani Group has engaged in a brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud scheme over the course of decades," Hindenburg Research said in its report published on its website on Tuesday. "Our research involved speaking with dozens of individuals, including former senior executives of the Adani Group, reviewing thousands of documents" and site visits in almost half a dozen countries, it said, adding that it had "taken a short position" on Adani Group companies through U.S.-traded bonds and derivative instruments traded outside India.



An office of the Adani Group in Ahmedabad.

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BJP is hatching a conspiracy to lure voters: Cong.

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The KPCC has accused the ruling BJP leaders of "hatching a conspiracy" to lure voters in the Legislative Assembly elections by distributing ₹30,000 crore, and urged the police to register a case against Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, and other BJP leaders. » Page 6

BMTC to launch 'Nimmbus' app

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The BMTC is all set to launch 'Nimmbus' mobile app, which will help commuters in planning their trips, locating nearby bus stops, and checking arrival time of the bus. » Page 3

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Government to sell wheat from buffer stock under the OMSS

30 In lakh tonnes, the amount of wheat from its buffer stock that the Union government will sell in the open market under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) to control the rise in prices of wheat and wheat flour (atta), according to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. The average price of atta has risen to around ₹38 per kg. PTI

Cases of stone pelting on moving trains on the rise, says Railways

1,503 The number of cases of stone pelting on moving trains recorded across the country in 2022, with over 400 people arrested for the offence, according to the Indian Railways. Vande Bharat trains have also suffered damage due to stone pelting. Several awareness drives are being made to educate residents near the track. PTI

CBI officers awarded police medals on Republic Day eve

30 The number of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officers, including those who supervised cases related to child sexual abuse material, awarded police medals on the eve of Republic Day. Six officers were awarded the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service (PPMDS) while 24 were awarded the Police Medal for Meritorious Service (PMMS). PTI

BCCI earns big for the sale of five teams in the inaugural WPL

4,669.9 In ₹ crore, the amount earned by the BCCI for the sale of five teams in the inaugural Women's Premier League (WPL) with Adani Sportsline buying the most expensive team for ₹1,289 crore. Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bangalore bid at ₹912.99 crore and ₹901 crore respectively. PTI

U.S. reroutes aid for wages for Lebanese army, police

72 In $ million, the amount of assistance, the U.S. is rerouting to Lebanon to help the country's cash-strapped government boost the wages of its soldiers and police officers, according to the U.S. ambassador. Washington is a key donor of the Lebanese Army, providing over $3 billion in military aid since 2006. AP

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The next leg of the Russia-Ukraine war

Why is Ukraine asking for more weapons and military equipment from NATO allies? Why was Germany reluctant to send its Leopard 2 tanks? What all regions are now under Russian control? Why did the U.S. initially refuse to send its Abrams tanks?

EXPLAINER

Stanly Johny

The story so far:

As Russia's Ukraine invasion enters its 12th month, all sides are gearing up for a major escalation in the conflict. Russia, which suffered some setbacks last year after its initial thrust into Ukraine, is trying to build battlefield momentum with minor advances. Ukraine, whose troops are struggling to defend the frontlines in the east and south, is asking for heavier weapons from its NATO allies. While Germany's early resistance to sending its Leopard 2 battle tanks to Ukraine created a rift within NATO, it has now finally agreed to send the tanks and allow other countries to re-export German-built tanks to Ukraine. The U.S., after initial reluctance, is also sending its M1 Abrams tanks to Kyiv.

What is the current state of the war?

After Ukraine, which launched a counteroffensive in September, recaptured swathes of the Kharkiv Oblast in the northeast and Kherson city in the south, (the only provincial capital the Russians had taken since the war began) the conflict had turned into a war of attrition – until recently.

Russian troops, predominantly the private military Wagner Group, have been trying to seize Bakhmut, a city in Donetsk in the Donbas region which Moscow now claims as its own, for the past six months. As those efforts did not bear fruit, in recent weeks, Russia's focus shifted to Soledar, a town that lies just 18 km from the city of Bakhmut. Russian troops tore through the Ukrainian defences in Soledar rather quickly, taking the town, and making further advances towards Bakhmut.

In the south, Moscow claimed that its troops have pushed through the frontlines in Zaporizhzhia, one of the four Ukrainian provinces Russian President Vladimir Putin unilaterally annexed in September. As of now, Russia controls only parts of the Zaporizhzhia province, including its eponymous nuclear plant, Europe's largest. But by pushing through the frontlines in the east and the south, Russia is mounting enormous pressure on Ukraine's army, which set alarm bells ringing in Kyiv and western capitals.

Ukraine now demands urgent supplies and the West is scrambling for weapons.

Who is supplying Ukraine?

Supplies from the West are vital for Ukraine in the conflict. The U.S., Ukraine's largest defence supplier, has committed to sending Kyiv more than $27 billion in military aid since the war began. It is sending ammunition, howitzers, helmets, Humvees and HIMARS rocket systems. The U.S. has also promised to send Stryker combat vehicles and deploy a Patriot missile defence battery.

The U.K. and Germany are the next two big suppliers of military equipment and arms for Ukraine. Earlier this month, London announced that it would provide 14 Challenger 2 battle tanks to Kyiv, while France said it would ship AMX-10RC armoured vehicles, known as the tank killer, to Ukraine. While Ukraine thanked its allies for these commitments, they also said these were not enough to beat the Russians.

They wanted more tanks for the coming land war. NATO allies wanted Germany to send its Leopard 2 tanks, considered one of the most advanced battle tanks built for European conditions. But Germany was initially reluctant to provide Leopard to Ukraine despite frantic calls from Kyiv and other allies.

Why was Germany reluctant to send its tanks?

Ever since the war began Germany has sent multiple offensive weapons to Ukraine, from self-propelled howitzers to rocket launchers. But Chancellor Olaf Scholz initially refused to send tanks to Ukraine, saying such a move would escalate the conflict further, which was not in Berlin's interest. Germany, being geographically closer to Russia and lacking its own nuclear deterrent (say, unlike France and the U.K), sees itself in a disadvantageous position in the event of a direct confrontation between NATO and Russia. Both Mr. Scholz's party and the public are divided on the tank question.

According to a December poll, some 50% of Germans opposed sending tanks to Kyiv against 38% who favoured it. Berlin was also worried that Russians could capture the tanks and gain insights into its technology. Moreover, German officials told the media, that Mr. Scholz was sensitive to the historical context – during the Second World War, German tanks rolled over into today's Ukraine, which was part of the Soviet Union, as Hitler ordered his disastrous Russian invasion. But Germany also came under heavy pressure from its allies, especially the U.S. and Poland, to take a quick decision.

After the initial caution, the U.S.'s risk appetite in the conflict has steadily increased with the Biden administration beefing up Kyiv's military capabilities. Berlin said it would consider sending Leopard if the U.S. agreed to send its Abrams tanks. The U.S. had initially ruled it out, saying Abrams, run of jet fuel, were complex systems which would require months to train Ukrainian troops. A meeting last week at the Ramstein Air Base in Germany of the Ukraine support group ended without a decision on tanks, showing signs of rifts in the NATO alliance. But back channel diplomacy continued.

On Wednesday, Germany announced that it would send 14 Leopard 2 tanks to Kyiv and allow other NATO members to re-export German-made tanks to Ukraine. Biden administration officials said in Washington that the U.S. would also send Abrams tanks to Kyiv.

Why does Ukraine want Leopards?

Ukraine has a limited number of tanks, most of which are from the Soviet era. Ukrainian leaders have said that they believe Moscow is planning a major offensive in the coming months.

The lack of advanced tanks could put Kyiv in a disadvantageous position in Ukraine's open terrain, especially when Russia has deployed its modern T-90s. Ukraine has asked for 300 tanks. Leopards, with a range of 500 km and a top speed of 68 km an hour and armed with a 120mm smooth bore gun and two coaxial light machine guns, could bolster offensive capabilities. Leopards are also available in large numbers in Europe.

More than 2,000 Leopard 2s have been deployed across Europe and if Germany allows their re-export, NATO members can ensure smooth supply to Ukraine.

What next?

It was after Russia's back-to-back battlefield victories in Donbas (Mariupol, Severodonetsk and Lysychansk) that the U.S. agreed to send its advanced rocket systems (High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems or HIMARS and Multiple Launch Rocket Systems or MLRS) to Ukraine. These weapons played a critical role in Ukraine's counteroffensive that saw Russian troops retreat from Kharkiv and Kherson.

Now, Russian troops seem to have regrouped and built stronger defensive positions across the frontline, stretching from the borders of Kharkiv to Kherson. With some 3,00,000 new conscripts joining its forces, Russia is likely to make another push. The recent advances it made in Soledar and Zaporizhzhia could be signs of what is coming.

If Russia takes Bakhmut in the east and Zaporizhzhia in the south, it could boost its logistical capabilities to make deeper inroads into Ukraine. Kyiv wants to stop this by launching its own offensive.

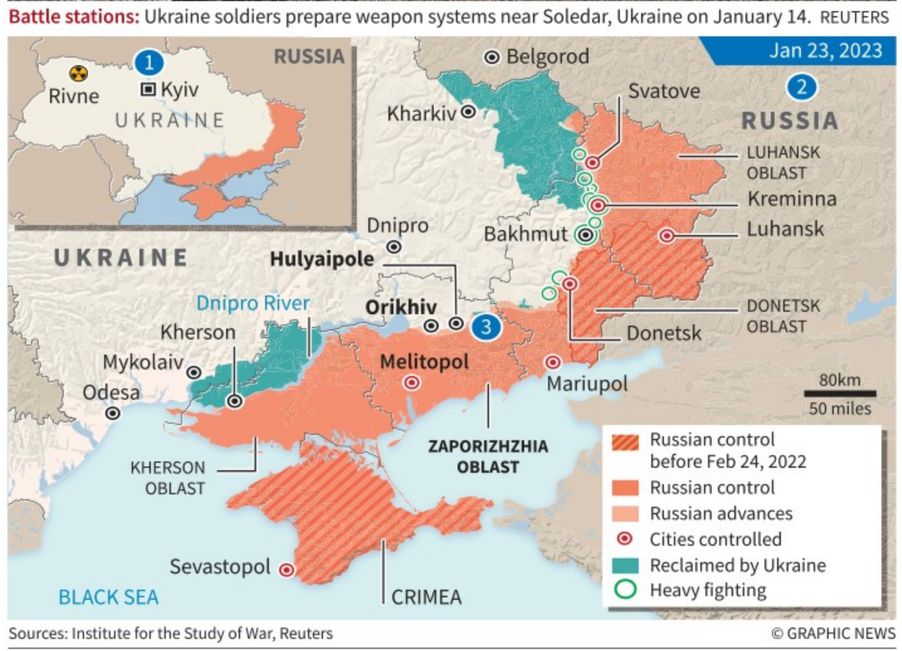
If Ukraine reverses Russia's gains in Zaporizhzhia and cuts deeper into the south, it could sever the Russian-controlled south and east, sabotaging Moscow's land bridge to Crimea, the Black Sea peninsula that Mr. Putin annexed in 2014.

With more heavy weapons coming from the West, Ukraine wants to be better prepared for the Russians.

Status of the Russia-Ukraine war

All sides are gearing up for a major escalation in the conflict. Russia, which suffered some setbacks last year after its initial thrust into Ukraine, is trying to build back battlefield momentum. This has left Ukraine desperately in need of heavier weapons from its NATO allies

Battle stations: Ukraine soldiers prepare weapon systems near Soledar, Ukraine on January 14. REUTERS



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The availability of Leopards across NATO

Leopard 2 tanks are considered one of the most advanced battle tanks built for European conditions. They are available in large numbers in Europe

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Supplies from the West are vital for Ukraine in the conflict. The U.S., Ukraine's largest defence supplier, has committed to sending Kyiv more than $27 billion in military aid since the war began on February 24, 2022

THE GIST

In the war, Russia, which suffered some setbacks last year after its initial thrust into Ukraine, is trying to build battlefield momentum with minor advances. Ukraine, whose troops are struggling to defend the frontlines in the east and south, is asking for heavier weapons from its NATO allies.

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BCU refuses to give copies of answer scripts

Students to challenge it in court; they say poor evaluation led to dismal results

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Students of Bengaluru City University (BCU) have alleged that poor evaluation led to dismal results in the 1st semester postgraduate (PG) course exams and said more than 30% of the students have failed.

With the university refusing to provide photocopies of the answer scripts, the students have decided to challenge the university's decision in court.

BCU announced first semester results of various PG course exams in December 2022, after which students alleged that many had failed in one or two subjects. The exams were conducted for 70 marks and internals for 30 marks. Students must score a minimum 25 marks out of 70 in the examination to pass. However, more than 30% of the students got 23 or 24 marks out of 75 in many subjects and failed in the examination.

The university has given provision for challenging the evaluation and had given 10 days time from the date of result announcement to challenge it. While the University Grants Commission (UGC) has given the provision to provide photocopies of answer scripts to the students, the university has restricted it. In the result notification, it says, "There is no provision for photocopy of answer script."

Students requested the authorities many times and have given a memorandum to the university to provide the photocopies, which the authorities have refused.

"In the first semester of the PG courses, a majority of students have failed by one or two marks. The university has called for applications to challenge evaluation, but refused to give the photocopies of the answer scripts. Unless we get photocopies, how can we apply for challenging the evaluation?" asked a student.

"In the UGC regulations, it clearly mentions that while the actual process of evaluation shall be confidential, the system of evaluation shall be sufficiently transparent, and a student may be given a photocopy of his/her answer paper, if requested as per procedure. But our university has refused to give the photocopies. We submitted a memorandum many times, but there is no use. Therefore, we decided to challenge the university in court," students said.

Sources within the university said, "The university does not have enough permanent teaching faculties. It depends on other universities' staff for examination and evaluation. However, the curriculum and syllabus change from one university to another. This year also, PG answer scripts were evaluated by other university faculties. This may have impacted the results."

Responding to the allegations, Lingaraja Gandhi, Vice-Chancellor, BCU, said, "We received the complaint from students 20 days back. Providing photocopies of the answer script is a matter of regulation and we adopted the same regulations which have been adopted by Bangalore University. Therefore, we set up the expert committee and got the report. According to that report, it is not possible to give photocopies of the answer script."

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (January 26, Thursday), the following explainer is available:

- The next leg of the Russia-Ukraine war
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FIR filed against school

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

An FIR has been booked against Orchids International School located in Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru, for allegedly violating the rules and regulations of the Department of School Education and Literacy.

On the basis of a complaint filed by the Block Education Officer (BEO) of Bengaluru South-1, the Annapurneshwarinagar police have filed an FIR against the school for offering education under the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) board without getting affiliation.

Following a complaint by the parents, the Deputy Director of Public Instruction visited the school on Wednesday and found there was no affiliation from the CBSE Board and no NOC from the State government.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client intends to purchase Property bearing **No.24,** BBMP Khata No.24 (PID:12-173-24), measuring East to West (6.30+18.0)/2 Mtrs and North to South (13.0 + 16.30)/2 Mtrs, in all measuring 177.99 Square Mtrs, situated at **Nandini layout (SFHS area) S.E.Q Layout, Bangalore**, bounded on:
East by : LIG M.S. Block No.15;
West by : Pathway;
North by : Hopcom Building;
South by : Circular Road C2.
From its Owner **Mr.B.S.Venkatachalapathy.**
Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections / claims with documentary evidence within **7 days** from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

Geetha Halliyal, Advocate
42 High Street, No.775, 2nd Floor,
100 feet Road, Indiranagar,
Bangalore-560038, Ph:9980519476
Bangalore Date: 25.01.2023

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Dwarkanath.B.V S/o Late Venkataramarao.B.A. R/a Tumakur City, Jayanagar West, 1st Parallel Main Road, 3rd Cross do here by solemnly affirm and state oath as that in my Pass Port my name has been mentioned as Bangalore Venkatarama Rao Dwarkanath but my true, correct and continue my name as **Bangalore Venkatarama Rao Dwarkanath (Correct name)** only in all my future records, deeds, writings, proceedings, transactions private as well as upon all occasions whatsoever vide affidavit sworn before Advocate and Notary Shivaramiah on 25.01.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client intends to purchase the Schedule property from its owner **Sri.C.S.Gopalakrishna** S/o Sri.Subbaraya Shetty, residing at No.14, P.M.K.Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560004.

If any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Municipal No.18**, PID No.49-53-18, measuring East to West 46.5 ft and North to South 50 ft, situated at Vardhamanya Block, 5th Cross, Shankarpuram, Bangalore and bounded on:
East by : Karnic Road
West by : Property bearing Municipal No.18/1, 2 & 3
North by : 5th Cross Road
South by : Site No.19

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners: (i) **Miss.SHRAVANI.M** D/o Sri.Muniraju.G.A; (ii) **SMT.K.C.PAVITHRA** W/o Sri.R.Raju; (iii) **SRI.P.MAYUR** S/o Sri.K.C.Praveen; (iv) **SMT.SHASHIKALA.R** W/o Sri.Ramanjaneya; (v) **SMT.M.MUNIRATHNA** W/o Sri.M.Krishna Murthy; (vi) **SMT.T.N.TEJAVATHI (TUMKUR NARASIMHAMURTHY THEJAVATHI)** D/o Sri.Narasimhamurthy Rangappa; and (vii) **SMT.J.MANJULA** W/o Sri.Srinivasa.G, residing at No.39, 5th Cross, Narasimha Layout, Vijinapura, Dooravani Nagar, Bengaluru-560 016.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule Property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential property bearing (i) **Municipal No.4221/19/2/99 & 100 (Site bearing Nos.99 and 100)** measuring East to West 96+97/2ft and North to South 58ft, totally measuring **5597 Sq.ft; (ii) Municipal No.4223/19/2/101 & 102 (Site bearing Nos.101 and 102)** measuring East to West 97+98/2ft and North to South 57ft,**totally measuring 5558 Sq.ft; (iii) Municipal No.4224/19/2/103& 104(Site bearing Nos.103 & 104)** measuring East to West 98+99/2ft and North to South 56ft,**totally measuring 5516 Sq.ft and (iv) Municipal No.4222/19/2/105& 106** (Site bearing Nos.105 & 106) measuring East to West 99+100/2ft and North to South 56ft,**totally measuring 5572 Sq.ft, carved** out the converted land **in Sy.No.19/2, all the aforesaid sites being a composite block of property measures 22,243 Sq.ft., situated at Vijinapura @ Kothur Village**, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP and bounded as follows:
East by : Road
West by : Private Property
North by : Private Property
South by : Road.

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. Mukunda Raju** S/o Late Sri. Ranga Raju, residing at No. 222, Bullet Krishnappa Layout, 13th Cross, Thindlu, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bangalore 560 097 are desirous of purchasing a residential house as shown in the Schedule from its Owners M/s. SHIVA SHAKTI BUILDERS rep by its Director Sri. H. N. Shivananjaiah and Sri. Srinivas M R the GPA Holder of Sri. H. N. Shivananjaiah.
Any Person or persons having/asserting any right title or interest, claim or intending to oppose the purchase in any manner may file their written objections within **SEVEN DAYS (07)** from the date of publication of the notice hereof, with documentary proof to the undersigned at his office where after no such claims shall be entertained and our client will proceed to complete the Sale transaction of the Schedule.

:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

ITEM No. I
All that piece and parcel of the vacant **Site bearing No. 95** measuring East to West on northern side 30 feet and Southern Side 35 feet on the North to South on the Easter Side 47 feet and Western Side 54 feet in all measuring an extent of 1641.25 sq ft formed out of land in Survey No. 80, situated at **Soldevanahalli Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore** now coming under the administrative jurisdiction of Kasaghattapura Village Panchayathi bounded on:-
East by : Site No. 96,
West by : Private Property,
North by : Raod,
South by : Site No. 93.

ITEM No. II
All that piece and parcel of the vacant **Site bearing No. 96** measuring East to West on Northern side 30 feet and Southern Side 35 feet on the North to South on the Easter Side 40 feet and Western Side 47 feet in all measuring an extent of 1413.75 sq ft more fully referred to as Item No. II, formed out of land in Survey No. 80, situated at **Soldevanahalli Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore** now coming under the administrative jurisdiction of Kasaghattapura Village Panchayathi bounded on:-
East by : Site No. 90A & 90B,
West by : Site No. 95,
North by : Road,
South by : Site No. 92.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

The legend lives on: Indian architect Balkrishna Doshi at his residence in Ahmedabad in 2018. AFP

An architect for India: Balkrishna Doshi, an artist rooted to his surroundings

B. V. Doshi has played the role of practitioner and educator, artist and teacher, producing buildings that were as much architectural as social and cultural — projects aligned to prevailing movements, as well as highly personal

Gautam Bhatia

B. V. Doshi, a pioneer of Indian modernist architecture and the only Indian architect to have been awarded the Pritzker Architecture Prize, passed away on January 24 at the age of 95. In this article dated March 10, 2018, Gautam Bhatia traces the legacy of the esteemed artist.

In 1955, a young Indian was often pictured in group photos taken in Le Corbusier's studio in Paris. Hovering behind Le Corbusier or at a drawing table discussion, it was hard to predict that half a century later, this young man would be as influential and dominant as the French master himself, if not on the world stage, at least in India. Balkrishna Doshi, along with Mumbai's Charles Correa and Delhi's Raj Rewal, has without a doubt been a remarkable force in Indian architecture since Independence.

In a career that has spanned almost seven decades, the slight man in the Paris studio used his international associations, working later with Louis Kahn at the Indian Institute of Management at Ahmedabad, to cement a career in architecture after he returned to India in the 1950s. Obviously Mr. Doshi's link to Le Corbusier was in itself sufficient to establish his place in Indian architectural history, but the artist in him emerged in diverse ways to give unusual direction to buildings being constructed by Doshi the architect.

In the six decades since then, Mr. Doshi has played the role of practitioner and educator, artist and teacher, producing buildings that were as much architectural as social and cultural – projects aligned to prevailing movements, as well as highly personal. "I learned from Le Corbusier to observe and react to climate, to tradition, to function, to structure, to economy and to the landscape," he admits.

Understanding of context

Obviously, few architects can single-handedly effect any significant change in society. Thus to say that Mr. Doshi, recipient of this year's Pritzker architecture prize, has changed or radically altered the course of Indian architecture would be inaccurate. But in his collective of works, in various projects, built and un-built, there are clues to help define the kinds of settings we would like to live in, to make an architecture for India. In buildings that derive a great deal from traditional living patterns, his interest in designing and constructing is not merely to fulfil the requirements of a house or an office, a factory or school, but through material, assembly and planning, light and texture, to draw the user into a thoughtful collusion with space.

His earliest work was done in a brutal and frank exposure of stark geometry and cement surfaces; Ahmedabad's Tagore Memorial Hall and the Institute of Indology suggest something of the Corbusian modernism of his career. A palpable shift came later after his association with Kahn. The Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT) campus at Ahmedabad was founded on the principle of collaborative learning, and has grown and evolved over 40 years. The simple brick and concrete construction with its exposed structure and pivot doors opens completely and connects to the surrounding landscape. In his architecture, Mr. Doshi has consciously crafted elements that establish links to local methods of design and detail. Historical references are used not simply to recall a cultural memory, but to suggest a deeper understanding of context. Even today, the string of brick structures on campus continues to spread low profiles around courtyards and shadowy neem trees.

Architecturally, these profiles are represented in a consistent reinterpretation of traditional spaces: courtyards, verandahs and loggias, where the link between ground and sky, breeze and shadow, all become elements to explore the poetic resolve of the architecture. There is of course nothing new about courtyards and loggias, light wells and space open to the sky.

Throughout history such elements have been used to organise space, from medieval complexes at Fatehpur Sikri and Mandu, to the humbler designs of a house. But their transformation to contemporary usage becomes an expression of Mr. Doshi's artistry. And a persistent refrain in his work that never bends to stylistic trends and fashions.

"Over the last two decades I have found many buildings seem foreign to me and out of milieu; they don't have their roots in the soil." Mr. Doshi speaks often of architecture that neglects its natural associations. In the last few decades he has retreated into the quieter reclusion of private art, rethinking architectural ideas, writing and reassessing architecture's engagement with culture. In 1995, he even collaborated with artist M.F. Husain on an unusual project. Part architecture, part art, the Gufa is an underground hive of domes and cavities that sprawls along one edge of the CEPT campus. The conspicuous fusion of painting into building that is itself more sculpture than architecture reflects in large part Mr. Doshi's own ease with all forms of art, dance, theatre, and mural painting, all of which originate from the same private impulse to express.

Catalyctic agents

"Most of us," wrote Mr. Doshi in his private sketch book, "irrespective of personal beliefs, are moved when visiting a temple. And I have been trying to understand this 'moving' experience in architectural terms with the objective that in contemporary design practices it could be applied to create built-forms of lasting value. To my understanding such forms have the following attributes: the pauses, transitional spaces and thresholds act as catalytic agents for the built-form and the individual or the community to enter into a dialogue at their level of comprehension. And this dialogue gives direction to the community at large. Buildings which generate such holistic experience finally become the institutions of man."

Gautam Bhatia is an architect and sculptor

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

A quiz on events, births, and deaths that happened on January 26

V. V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
The first European settlement in Australia was established on this date in 1788 with Arthur Phillip hoisting the British flag near which bustling modern-day city?

QUESTION 2
Name the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, based on Gaston Leroux's novel, that debuted on this date in NYC and went on to become the longest-running show in Broadway history.

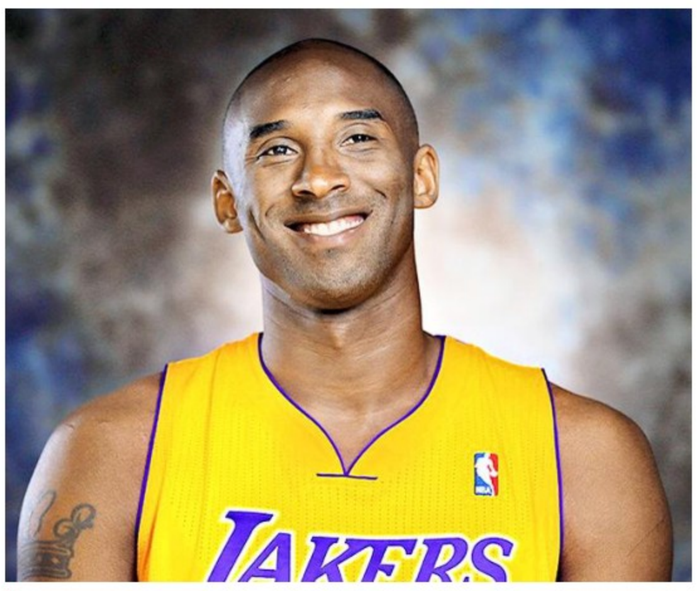
QUESTION 3
Name the American actor, known for his good looks and philanthropy, who won an Oscar for *The Color of Money* and signed off as the voice of Doc Hudson in Pixar's *Cars* born on January 26, 1925.

QUESTION 4
On January 26, 1926, which Scottish inventor gave the first public demonstration of a true television system in London?

QUESTION 5
Known as "The Great Lakes State", which State became the 26th State to join the U.S. on January 26, 1837?

QUESTION 6
At which session in 1930 did the Indian National Congress pass the historic 'Purna Swaraj' (total independence) resolution?

QUESTION 7
Conceptualised and constructed after the India-Pakistan War of 1971, what was inaugurated on January 26, 1972?



Visual question:
This basketball legend, who won five NBA championships with the Los Angeles Lakers, died in a helicopter crash on January 26, 2020 at the age of 41. Name him. REUTERS

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This publishing house was established by British authors Leonard Woolf and Virginia Woolf. **Ans: Hogarth Press**
2. Considered one of Woolf's best-known novels, this book details a day in the life of this fictional upper-class woman in post-First World War England. **Ans: *Mrs Dalloway*; Clarissa Dalloway**
3. This play written by Edward Albee examines the structure of the marriage of an American middle-aged academic couple. **Ans: *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?***
4. This test is a measure of the representation of women in film and, by extension, in fiction in general. **Ans: The Bechdel test**
5. This is an extended essay by Virginia Woolf, based on two lectures Woolf delivered in 1928. **Ans: A Room of One's Own**
Visual: This poster is of an Oscar-winning 2002 film, which portrays three generations of women affected by one of Woolf's classic novels. **Ans: *The Hours***

Early Birds: Vivek Khaiwal| S. Sampath Kumar| Jyoti Kalkhandey| Nitin. K. Teotia| Renu Susan Jacob

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"It was mentioned in this column that 'French leave' means 'leave taken without permission'. Prof. K. Viswanatham of Waltair writes to say that such leave is referred to as 'English leave' by the French."

"It is true. I suppose it is tit for tat. The French expression is 'filer a l'anglaise'."

"Mr. A. Brito of Bangalore thinks that the word 'chit-chat' that has been absorbed into English is rather awkward."

" 'Chit-chat' is an English word. It is from 'chat'. 'Chit-chat' means 'light conversation or gossip'. It is used informally. 'Chit-chat' is a reduplicated form of 'chat'. Reduplication is the process through which a new word is coined by doubling a syllable or a letter in a word. Examples: chit-chat, dilly-dally, hocus-pocus, see-saw."

"Mr. N. Sampath of Madras wants to know which of the following is correct: (a) I myself am a stranger to this place; (b) I myself is a stranger to this place."

" 'I myself am a stranger to this place' is correct. I am a stranger, I myself am a stranger. You never say 'I is a stranger or I myself is a stranger'."

"Mr. C. V. Vasudevan of Madras wants to know whether it is correct to write 'the late Sri X'."

" 'Late' is not followed by 'Sri' or 'Mr.' or 'Ms' or 'Mrs.' 'The late Paul Johnson' and not 'the late Mr....'. Also when a person refers to himself, he should not use 'Mr'. For example, you shouldn't say 'I am Mr. Krishnan speaking'. You should say 'I am Krishnan speaking'."

"Mr. K. Sanjay of R. T. Sanatorium, Periyar District, wants to know the meaning of 'wool gathering'."

" 'Wool-gathering' means 'day-dreaming, absent-mindedness, purposeless thinking'. It refers to the old practice of 'gathering fragments of wool torn from sheep by bushes, etc.' When you go about collecting such fragments, your mind is likely to wander.

You seem to be wool-gathering. Pay attention to what I am saying.

A wool-gatherer is a dreamy, absent-minded person."

"Mr. P. V. Ramana of Vizianagaram wants to know the pronunciation of 'lounge'."

"It is pronounced 'lounj'/'loun' rhymes with 'town'. The final sound is like the first sound in 'jet' and 'jam'.

Word of the day

Vestibule:
a large entrance or reception room or area; any of various bodily cavities leading to another cavity

Synonyms:
hall, antechamber, anteroom, foyer, lobby, entrance hall

Usage:
To reach my office, you have to first climb the stairs and then walk through the vestibule.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/vestibulepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈvɛstɪbjuːl/

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Implementation of Several Exclusive Schemes for Development & People's Welfare

- **Chief Minister's Raitha Vidya Nidhi Scheme:** Benefit for more than **10 lakh students. Rs. 483.62 crore** worth of scholarships distributed so far.
- Pension under various social security schemes increased. To benefit more than **75 lakh people**
- **Housing Schemes:** Around **5 lakh houses** constructed under various schemes in three years
- **Health:** Upgradation **of 100 PHCs** into Community Health Centres at **Rs. 1,000 crore**.
- **438 'Namma Clinics'** across Karnataka
- **Yashaswini** Scheme relaunched.
- Under **Sthree Samarthya Scheme**, seed capital to **33,333 women SHGs @ Rs. 1.5 lakh per SHG**. To benefit **3.9 lakh women**
- Historic decision to issue **title cards to 3.36 lakh families** living in slums. Title cards already given to **1.14 lakh families**.
- Commencement of e-governance initiatives such as **Grama One, Jansevak and Online Services** in the Transport Department
- The first state to implement **National Education Policy 2020** in the entire country
- Appointment of **15,000 school teachers,** construction of **8,101 classrooms** and building of **toilets in all schools**
- **Amrit Schemes** launched to commemorate the 75th Independence Day to improve rural and urban infrastructure, uplift weaker sections, provide seed capital to **SHGs and encourage the startups of SC, ST and OBC youth and women entrepreneurs**.
- An **additional grant of Rs.857.75 crore** given to **19 different corporations** coming under the departments of Welfare of Backward Classes, Social Welfare and Welfare of Minorities
- **Swami Vivekananda Yuvashakthi Sangha** scheme stated to support **micro-enterprises in rural areas**. Expected to benefit **5 lakh youth**
- Reservation for SC increased from **15% to 17% and ST from 3% to 7%**.
- **1,475** habitations without documents declared as revenue villages. **Title cards** distributed to **52,000 people**.

Successful implementation of Central Government Schemes

- Benefit for a maximum of **53.83 lakh farmers** in the State under **PM-Kisan Scheme**. **Rs. 9,982.15 crore** distributed so far by the Central Government.
- **34.66 lakh** families benefitted from **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala** Scheme.
- Loans sanctioned to **2.39 lakh street vendors** under **PM Swanidhi Scheme**.
- GoI has added the **Bettakuruba** community under the **ST category**.
- Under **Prime Minister's Garib Kalyan scheme**, benefit for **4.5 lakh people**
- Under **Jal Jeevan Mission** Scheme, tap connection provided to **6.51 lakh rural families**.

State's 'Nari Shakti' tableau, which will be featured in the Republic Day Parade, New Delhi

Karnataka No. 1 in investment in India

- At the **World Economic Forum Meet** held in **Davos**, MoUs worth **Rs. 52,000 crore** signed.
- At the **Global Investors Meet** held in November 2022 in the state, Karnataka signed MoUs worth **Rs. 9.8 lakh crore**. This will create **6 lakh employment** opportunities. 90% of this investment will be made in places **beyond Bengaluru**.
- In the Neethi Ayoga **Innovation Index** 2022, Karnataka has secured **first place**.

Infrastructure Development

- **Vande Bharat** Express train, which provides quick connectivity between Mysore-Bengaluru-Chennai, flagged off.
- **Mysore Airport** expansion works and **Hasaan Airport** works are in progress. **Shivamogga Airport** works are in final stages of completion.
- **New Coaching Complex at Naganahalli, near Mysuru.** This complex will facilitate commencing of several short-distance trains.
- Various **national highway projects** to be taken up at **Rs. 2 lakh crore**.

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BMTC hopes over 10 lakh commuters will download 'Nimmbus' mobile app

The app that will help passengers plan their travel is likely to be launched by the month-end; at present, 27 lakh people are using city buses

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) is all set to launch "Nimmbus" mobile app, which will help commuters in planning their trips, locating nearby bus stops, and checking arrival time of the bus, among other things.

The BMTC is hoping that once launched, more than 10 lakh commuters will start using the app. At present, 27 lakh commuters are using the city buses for commuting. During pre-COVID times, the ridership used to be more than 35 lakh per day.

Director (IT) of BMTC Surya Sen A.V. said, "We are attending to the glitches in planning and scheduling systems. Rectification measures will help in using the app with ease once it is made available in the public domain. The app will help the commuters in many ways starting with locating the nearest bus stop, planning their travel, fare charges and other features. Commuters will be able to share details about their travel with family members or friends using the SoS facility."

However, commuters have to wait for some time to use the app for purchase of tickets or passes. "In a matter of two to three months, we will make a facility for purchase of tickets that will be made available for the commuters," the official said.

More than 5,000 buses that are in the fleet of the corporation will be tracked to provide real time information for the commuters. Mr. Sen said around 20 of the fleet size will not come under "tracking system". "Installation of GPS tracking systems has not been not done in buses that are old or identified for scrapping. Around 1,100 buses are not currently being tracked using tracking devices. The buses include 400-odd Volvo AC buses and an old fleet of more than 700 BSIII buses. These buses cannot be tracked. However, information on scheduled operations will be made available in the mobile app," he said.

The 'Nimmbus' mobile app (left) will help commuters in locating nearby bus stops and checking arrival time of the bus. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT AND K. MURALI KUMAR

He added that no particular date has been fixed for launching the app. It is likely to be launched by the end of this month.

In 2016, the BMTC had launched a mobile app for providing real time information, but issues with the vendor supplying and operating tracking devices made it a futile exercise. The app was launched as part of an intelligent transport system. In 2019, the corporation made one more attempt by launching the "My BMTC app".

The BMTC has worked for two years to bring out revised mobile apps. Multiple deadlines were missed to launch the app.

HAL's helicopter factory to be opened on February 6

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) new helicopter manufacturing facility will be inaugurated on February 6.

The helicopter manufacturing facility at Biderehalla Kaval, Gubbi Taluk, Tumakuru, will house infrastructure for production, testing facilities and manufacturing capabilities of a wide range of helicopters of 3-ton to 12-ton class. The facility is spread over 615 acres of land allotted by the Government of Karnataka.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone for HAL's new helicopter manufacturing facility in 2016.

The facility will have mainly buildings, heli runways, and landscaping to produce initially Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) and ultimately futuristic helicopters of new generation. Earlier this month, the Director of Defence Exhibition Organisation reviewed the helicopter facility.

New gen helicopter

The LUH is a 3-ton class new generation helicopter being developed by HAL to meet the requirements of both military and civil operators. HAL's Rudra, Dhruv, Cheetah, Chetak, Cheetal and Lancer helicopters are at present manufactured at the defence PSU's helicopter division in Bengaluru.

Mr. Modi while laying the foundation stone in 2016 said that nearly 4,000 families, direct or indirect will benefit from the investment of ₹5,000 crores in Tumakuru. He also said HAL would produce 600 helicopters in a 15-year period.

Elusive leopard that killed boy camera trapped at T. Narsipur

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The elusive leopard which killed a 11-year-old boy in Horalahalli village in T. Narsipur taluk of Mysuru district has been camera-trapped, shoring up hopes of its capture in due course.

Though nearly 40 cameras, including infra-red camera, have been deployed apart from the use of thermal drones, the leopard had proved elusive since Sunday. But there was a photograph of a leopard very close to the place where the boy was killed and hence it is speculated that the same leopard was prowling around in the area.

Meanwhile, the large "Tumakuru cage", measuring almost 10 ft by 15 ft, has also been installed close to where the leopard was camera-trapped.

Locals had been instructed to leave the place undisturbed, said Malathi Priya, Chief Conservator of Forests, Mysuru Circle.

Absence of people's movement is the key to trapping the animal and the Forest Department had adopted a similar method when in pursuit of another leopard which had kept the personnel on tenterhooks for more than two months before being captured in December 2022. Around 130 personnel have been split into different groups and are on the task since the last three days in pursuit of the leopard.

Meanwhile, district in charge Minister S.T. Somashekar said here on Wednesday that for the benefit of the student community and locals, the frequency of bus services would be increased. He said students had complained that it was not possible to attend schools and colleges in the adjoining villages, and many skipped classes owing to the fear of leopard in the absence of bus services.

The Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation had also been instructed to ensure power supply to farmers during daytime to energise the irrigation pump sets. This would obviate the need for farmers to venture out to farms at night.

There were also complaints of untended farmlands and standing sugarcane crop and the district administration had already issued instructions to complete sugarcane harvesting.

This would eliminate potential places for leopards to find sanctuary.

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No.KNNL/EE.2/TS/AE.1/Ten Noti/2022-23/1901 Date:23-02-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through e-procurement system)

On behalf of the Managing Director KNNL Bangalore the Executive Engineer No.2 Canal Division Odderahatti the undersigned invites in www.eproc.kar.nic.in percentage basis tenders in **One Cover** from the eligible contractors/firm/Company registered under KPWD, bidder can access amount put to tender **Rs 49.99 lakhs** and EMD Amount **Rs.1,00,000-00** with a stipulated period of **3 Months**. Calendar of events, the last date for submission of tender Dated: **03-02-2023 up to 5.00 PM** and tender opening on Dated: **04-02-2023 at 4.30 PM** respectively. Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to cancel any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. For any other clarification/details contact www.eproc.kar.nic.in or under signed office during office hours Contact No- **08533-271361.**

Sd/- **Executive Engineer KNNL**
No.2 Canal Division Odderahatti

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Chikkapete Division, 8th Main, 2nd Block, Jayanagara, Kanakanapalya, Bengaluru-560 011.

No:EE/CKP/E-PROC/15/2022-23 Date: 24.01.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) **(Single & Two Cover)**

The Executive Engineer (Chikkapete Division), BBMP Bengaluru Invites Tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organisations for the Construction of work detailed in the table below. **(STD-KW-2, 3)**

Sl No	Name of the Works	Estimate Cost (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1	Improvements of roads and drains in CKC Garden, K S Garden and surrounding areas in Ward No-171	55.00	110000
2	Improvements to CC roads in Rajagopal garden and surrounding areas in Ward No-171	55.00	110000
3	Improvements to CC Cross Roads of Lalbagh Main Road From Nala road to 4th cross and surroundings in Ward No-171	53.00	106000
4	Improvements and developments of roads and drains in Roshan Colony, BHEL Layout, SRK Garden and BTB area in Ward No-175	80.00	160000
5	Improvements and developments of roads and drains in 10th C Main, 10th D Main and 1st Block Jayanagara Surrounding in Ward No- 175	80.00	160000
6	Improvements and developments of roads and drains in Kazee Road and surrounding area in Ward No-175	45.00	90000
7	Annual maintenance and Improve-ments of footpath and drains in Ward No-175 (SC Only)	30.00	30000

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **03.02.2023** upto **4:00** pm. (2) Pre-Bid Meeting on **31.01.2023** at **3:00** pm in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Chikkapete Division, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Jayanagara 2nd Block, Bengaluru - 560 011. (3) Last Date for Uploading the Filled Tender Document is **03.02.2023** upto **4:00** pm. (4) Date of Technical Bid Opening of Tenders is **04.02.2023** by **4:30** pm. (5) Date of Financial Bid Opening of Tenders is on after Technical Bid Approved. (6) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Chikkapete Division

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client is desirous of purchasing the property described in the Schedule written hereunder and hereinafter referred to as **"THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY"**, from owners viz., **(i) Smt. Rathnamma,** wife of late Sri Munikrishnappa, **(ii) Smt. M. Savitha, (iii) Sri M. Manu, (iv) Smt. Neetharvathi, (v) Sri M. Srinivas,** all children of late Sri Munikrishnappa, having their address at No.54, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Siddapura Ramagondanahalli, Bangalore East Taluk, Who have inherited the same from the said **late Sri Munikrishnappa.**

It is represented to our Client that originally the Schedule Property was purchased by Sri Munikrishnappa under the following two Sale Deeds: **(I)** Two (2) acres in Survey No. 18, of Madapanahalli Village under a Sale Deed dated 27/10/1994 (registered as Document No.2716/94-95, Book I, Volume No.182, at Pages 207 to 209 in the office of the Sub registrar, Anekal) from Smt. Susheelamma, wife of Sri M. N. Muniraju; and **(ii)** One (1) acre in Survey No. 18, of Madapanahalli Village under a Sale Deed dated 30/06/1997 (registered as Document No.1341//1997-98, Book I, in the office of the Photo Registrar, Anekal, Bangalore District) from Sri V. Gopalaiah, son of Sri Venkataramappa;

Any person/s asserting any right/s, interest, title or claim/s in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property or has any objection/s to such sale in favour of our Client, is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned in writing, within 15 days from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, along with documentary proof of such claim/s. If no such written objections/claims are received by the undersigned within the aforesaid period, our Client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s and/or objection/s whatsoever with regard to the Schedule Property and will conclude the sale transaction, without entertaining any future claims.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the dry agricultural land bearing New Survey No.18/2, Old No.18, measuring 3 (three) acres, situated at Madappanahalli village, Sarjapura hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and **bounded as follows:** On the East : By Property bearing Survey No.16;West:By Property bearing Survey No.19;North:By Property bearing Survey No.18; andSouth:By Kugur Gadi.

M/s. Sundaraswamy & Ramdas,
Advocates,
No.24, Keshava Nivas, Kalidasa Road,
Gandhinagar, Bangalore – 560 009.
Ph: 22263838, 22380809 & 22251764
E-mail: admin@sundaraswamy.com

Place : Bangalore
Date: 25/01/2023

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕನೀನಿ, ನಂ.5, ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ. ಫೋ: 08192–264669
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ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ:– **EE/ KNNL/ BCD-5/DVG/PB-5/4701 SCP-TSP(J)/2022-23 2983/10 Dated: 21.01.2023**

ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ, ನಂ.5 ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆರವರು, ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 4701 ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಪಿ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಡಿ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರವೇ **ದಿ: 23.01.2023 ರಿಂದ 31.01.2023** ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ವರೆಗೆ ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ (Pre-Bid Meeting) **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25.01.2023 ರಂದು** ಪೂರ್ವಾಹ್ನ 12.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01.02.2023 ರಂದು** ಸಂಜೆ 5.05 ಘಂಟೆ. ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 01. **Indent No: KNNL/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT35096 ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಇಡಲಾದ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 98.48 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು.** ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ, ಅಂಗಿಕರೀಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಅಥವಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜ/847/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಕನೀನಿ ನಂ.5 ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ.
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ನಸಮಂ/ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿಭಾಗ/ಟೆಂಡರ್–76/2022–23
ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24–01–2023

ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಮಂಡ್ಯ ನಗರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಐ.ಡಿ.ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಟಿ. ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು KTTP Act -1999 & 2000 ದಂತೆ, ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಿಕಲ್ಸ್ ಇನ್ಸ್‌ಪೆಕ್ಟರೇಟ್ ಆಫ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರುರವರಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರುಗಳಿಂದ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, KW-4 ಆಸಕ್ತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಕೋಶ ಹಾಗೂ ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸೂಚನಾ ಫಲಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.mandyacity.mrc.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು. **Visit:https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/**

(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **24.01.2023**. (2) ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **23.02.2023 Upto 5.00 pm.** (3) ಪ್ರೀಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **06.02.2023**. (4) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **24.02.2023 at 17.00 pm or any other convenient date notified later** (5) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **27.02.2023 at 17.30 pm or any other convenient date notified later.** (6) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಬೆಲೆ ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ : ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿರುವಂತೆ. (7) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸುವ ಅವಧಿ : **180 ದಿನಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸೇರಿ).** (8) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ : **1 ದರ್ಜೆ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು.**

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ : **01**. ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : **DMA/2022-23/BD/ WORK_INDENT145403.** ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) : **355.00.** ಇಂ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) : **4,43,000/–.** ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ(ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) : **294.80.**

ಸಹಿ/–ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ.
ಸಹಿ/–ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಸನಿ–ಮಂ/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/620/2022–23

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL MODE ONLY)
No. SEE/TWM/SMG/EE(O)/AEEE-1/2022-23/F-/8071-77 Date: 23.01.2023

KPTCL invites tenders through e-Procurement mode from the reputed Electrical Contractors possessing Super Grade Electrical contractor License having PF registration for the following works.

1. Tender No.: **KPTCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 10090/CALL-2,** Transportation (To & Fro), Repair of Sick Power Transformer, Testing, Assembling, Erection and Commissioning of repaired Power Transformer of rating 10MVA, 110/11KV Class, VOLTAMP Make, Sl. No: JN 8165/2 YOM:2003 Power Transformer Failed & kept at **220/110/11KV Kadur** Receiving Station in Nodal Centre Kadur, TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Chikkamagaluru.
2. Tender No.: **KPTCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 10091/CALL-2,** Transportation (To & Fro), Repair of Sick Power Transformer, Testing, Assembling, Erection and Commissioning of repaired Power Transformer of rating 10MVA, 110/11KV Class, APEX Make, Sl. No: T933A/05 YOM:1996 Power Transformer Failed & kept at **110/11KV MUSS Birur** in Kadur Nodal Centre, TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Chikkamagaluru.
3. Tender No.: **KPTCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 10092/CALL-2,** Transportation (To & Fro), Repair of Sick Power Transformer, Testing, Assembling, Erection and Commissioning of repaired Power Transformer of rating 10MVA, 110/11KV Class, SPEC Make, Sl. No.: 43317 YOM:2011 DOF: 04.05.2021 Power Transformer Failed & kept at **110/11kV Hosur** Sub-Station in Nodal Centre Shikaripura, 400KV Station & SSM Division, KPTCL, Talaguppa.

For detailed information and to participate in the tender through e-procurement mode please visit our website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on Hyperlink **"e-Procurement"** or directly you can access the tendering website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **11:00AM on 30.01.2023.** Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.),
Transmission (W&M)Circle, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavana,
MRS Colony, Shivamogga - 577203, Phone: **08182 - 272624.**

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Executive Engineer, K.R.Sagara Division, K.R.Sagara

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO : 26/2022-23 Dated: 21-01-2023

The Executive Engineer, K.R. Sagara Division, K.R. Sagara, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya Dist. on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL Mysore has invited through e-procurement **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the work **Rehabilitation and Improvement works to +50 Draft Channel, Embankment portion, Scouring depression near +106 and Concrete apron for energy dissipators of K.R.S. Dam under World Bank aided DRIP - Phase-II. (Package-2)** Amount put to tender Rs. **2257.67** lakhs and EMD is Rs. **22.58** lakhs.

Any further information Or Clarification for the above said work including last date, opening date, Pre-bid meeting date, EMD, Etc., can be obtained from above mentioned office during the office hours & from the above said website.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer,**
K.R.Sagara Division, K.R.Sagara

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti-586201. Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur.
Phone:08426-281027 E-mail:dam_division@rediffmail.com

NO:KBJNL/DDA/DB/TND/2022-23/3799 Dated:21.01.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION- Call-2
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the undersigned invites tender on percentage basis from the eligible contractors for the work of **(1) Bagalkot District (Bilagi Constituency) (SCP Non-Potential) Indent No. 23330 of Rs. 84.72 Lakhs (Others) (1) Bagalkot District (Bilagi Constituency) (TSP Non-Potential) Indent No. 23333 of Rs. 59.30 Lakhs (Others). The contractor can have access and submit e-tender from 24-01-2023 to 07-02-2023 up to 5-00PM. Cover-I (Technical) Bid will be opened on 09-02-2023 at 11-00AM Cover-II (Financial Bid) will be opened on 13-02-2023 at 11-00AM** at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. For clarifications office of the undersigned may be contacted during office hours (Phone No. 08426-281027). Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/799/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that we are investigating the right, title, interest, benefits, entitlements of whatsoever nature of the respective owners of the Survey Numbers, as mentioned herein below, all are situated at, **Solur Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,** which is more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written and hereinafter called "Schedule Property".

ALL persons including an individual anybody under law, having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of said Property or any part or portion thereof are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the original documents, to the undersigned having their office at No.115/58, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, 6th Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560 018 within a period of ***07 (seven) days*** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

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All that piece and parcel of the land parcels detailed below situated at **Solur Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District**, and bounded on;

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East by: Survey No. 200/4; **West by:** Survey No. 200/3;
North by: Survey No. 162; **South by:** Survey No. 199

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North by: Survey No. 162; **South by:** Survey No. 199;

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North by; Survey No. 201; **South by:** Survey No. 199

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No. GWD/Tech/OBW/69/2022-23 Date: 25.01.2023

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DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/866/22-23 dt.22.01.2023

Form No.3 (See Regulation-15 (1)(a)]/16(3)

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT VISAKHAPATNAM
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OA No. 193 / 2022
Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Between :
State Bank of India, Nellore Town Branch, Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore District, Rep. by its Chief Manager., ... Applicant
And :
1) Koduru Vasumathamma,
2) Smt. R. Indiramma ... Defendants
To,
1) Smt. Koduru Vasumathamma, W/o. K. Prasad, Kolanukoduru Village, Manubolu Mandalam, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh.
2) Smt. R. Indiramma, D/o. Late Rangappa, D.No.18, Mariyappa Garden, Industrial Suburb, Mysore South, Mysore, Karnataka.
... Defendants

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS 1 & 2 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, **OA / 193 / 2022** was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on **01/02/2023.**

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of **Rs.2,02,25,483.35/-** (Application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, You, the defendants are directed as under :-

(i) to show cause within thirty days of the Service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties:
(iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of Your business any of the assets over which security interest is created and / or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before **Presiding Officer/ Registrar on 01/02/2023 at 10:30 A.M.** failing the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

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I, RAM Chandra is Father of No JC-414724W Rank Sub Name Jitendra Kumar presently residing at Khuwani (Vill), Dhuntiyal (Po), Lansdowne (Teh), Pauri Garhwal (Dist), UP-246155 that have declared to changed my name from Ram Chandra to Ram Chander vide affidavit dated 19.01.2023 sworn before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, B'lore.

It is for general information that I, Kaustubh Agrawal S/o. Alok Agrawal, residing at C2-1706, L&T South City, Arekere Mico Layout, O Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560076 declare that name of mine has wrongly been written as Kaustub Agrawal in my Passport No.L9346069. The actual name of mine is Kaustubh Agrawal, which may be amended accordingly.

I, Sharan Basappa Kupendra S/o Kupendra H , residing at 11/1, Tadakal, Taluk Aland (Rural), Kalaburagi , Karnataka - 585302, changed my name to Sharanabasappa K Guttedar for all purposes in future.

I, ZIKRIYA S/o Abdul Subhan, R/at No.155, Chinnaswamy Layout, Attibele, Bangalore, have changed my name from Zikriya to Mohammed Zikriya vide affidavit dated 23-01-2023 before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar,Bangalore.

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Under pressure from private hospitals, govt. modifies Yeshasvini package rates

Dept. works out rate arrangement under which the empanelled hospitals will be entitled to get best rates between the two schemes

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Following resentment from private hospitals over the low package rates under the relaunched Yeshasvini Co-operative Members Health Care Scheme, the Department of Cooperation has modified the rates for various procedures.

The Cooperation Department had earlier fixed the existing Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka (AB-ArK) rates for the new Yeshasvini scheme. Upset over the low rates, private hospitals contended that the AB-ArK rates for most procedures are even lower than those that were fixed for reimbursement under the old Yeshasvini scheme.

Now, the department has worked out a rate arrangement under which empanelled private hospitals will be entitled to get the "best rates" under both the schemes for various procedures. The higher reimbursement rates in both AB-ArK and old Yeshasvini schemes will be applicable now. The Yeshasvini Trust issued an order on Tuesday stating that procedures for which AB-ArK rates are lesser than the old Yeshasvini rates, the latter will be followed. And for procedures where the AB-ArK rates are higher than the old Yeshasvini scheme, the AB-ArK rates will be followed.

A total of 33 lakh members have been enrolled under the Yeshasvini scheme. P.K. BADIGER

The State unit of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes' Association (PHANA) had made several representations to the government seeking rate revision. The low rates deterred many hospitals from getting empanelled for the scheme, they argued.

S.R. Umashankar, Principal Secretary, Cooperation Department, told *The Hindu* on Wednesday that the new rate arrangement will be followed till the National Health authority (NHA) revises AB-ArK rates.

As against the 823 surgical procedures under the old Yeshasvini scheme, the modified scheme will cover all the 1,650 surgical procedures that are under AB-ArK.

"If a particular procedure has a higher rate under the old Yeshasvini scheme, the reimbursement will be based on that rate. Similarly, if a procedure has a higher rate under AB-ArK that rate will be applicable," he explained.

"We had earlier planned for a rate revision only when AB-ArK rates are revised. However, there was a lot of pressure from private hospital associations and even the 460 hospitals who had empaneled themselves under the scheme refused to treat patients. After several meetings we convinced the Chief Minister and he gave his nod for this arrangement," he said.

"As of now, a total of 33 lakh members (including urban cooperative society) have been enrolled under the scheme. Although this arrangement will mean additional expenditure on the scheme, we worked it out in the interest of patients. Although the scheme became operational from January 1, it is currently running only in autonomous government hospitals such as Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research and Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology apart from government medical college hospitals," Mr. Umashankar said.

IMA State unit PRO Pavankumar Patil said following the Order the IMA State branch has called upon all members to get empanelled and be part of the scheme. "Going forward, we will persuade the government to further revise the rates on a scientific basis.," he added.

Farmer, vendor arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The CID forest mobile squad of Mysuru unit on Tuesday caught a 68-year-old farmer and his associate, a 43-year-old vegetable vendor, for allegedly trying to sell leopard nails.

The accused have been identified as M.R. Lokesh from Sakleshpur and Ashok Ganape Gowda.

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BENGALURU

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RISE 10:25	SET 22:50
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Poll-bound State gets eight Padma awards

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Among those honoured with Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian honour of the country, this year is veteran Karnataka politician 90-year-old Somanahalli Mallaiah Krishna, who has held numerous positions in his six-decade political career, including that of External Affairs Minister and Karnataka Chief Minister.

He severed his nearly half-century association with Congress and joined the BJP in 2017. The award comes days after he announced his retirement from politics, and is seen as an attempt to woo the Vokkaliga community ahead of Assembly polls later this year.

Noted Kannada novelist S.L. Bhyrappa, 91, awarded Padma Bhushan, has 25 novels and an autobiography to his credit. Most of his novels are bestsellers and translated into multiple Indian languages apart from English. Awarded Saraswati Samman in 2010, Mr. Bhyrappa is one of the acclaimed novelists of Kannada. Known for his right-wing tilt that has also landed him in many controversies, he was awarded Padma Shri in 2016 and Padma Bhushan on Wednesday.

Padma awardees from Karnataka
Padma Vibhushan
S.M. Krishna - Public Affairs
Padma Bhushan
S.L. Bhyrappa Literature & Education
Sudha Murty Social Work
Padma Shri
Khadar Valli Dudekula - Science & Engineering
Rani Machaiah - Art
Pindipapanahalli Munivenkatappa - Art
Shah Rasheed Ahmed Quadri - Art
S. Subbaraman - Archaeology

Sudha Murty, Chairperson of Infosys Foundation, awarded Padma Bhushan for social work, is known for spearheading philanthropic activities through the foundation, mainly in the fields of education and rural development. Though she started her career as an engineer and is an alma mater of Indian Institute of Science, she later spearheaded philanthropic activities at the Infosys Foundation. She is also an author of several novels and in recent years has emerged as one of the best-selling Indian writers of children literature in English.

Five other prominent personalities have been awarded the Padma Shri this year from Karnataka. Bidri handicraft craftsman Shah Rashid Ahmed Khadri, 67, from Bidar, gained instant popularity when he worked on Karnataka tableau at the Republic Day parade in 2011. He has spent nearly five decades in the art that he learnt from his father.

Another prominent folk artist Munivenkatappa from Chickballapur district has also been awarded the Padma Shri. Born into poverty, Munivenkatappa not only took to playing Tamate, a hand-held drum, but has also trained many youngsters in the folk art form. He is known to have developed many new patterns in playing Tamate.

Another recipient of Padma Shri is archeological chemist S. Subbaraman. Hailing from Kollegal, Mr. Subbaraman had a long career with Archeological Survey of India. He has worked on various projects including the conservation of the Bamiyan Buddha statues in Afghanistan in 1977, Angkor Wat in Cambodia, Ajanta paintings in Maharashtra, etc.

While Rani Machaiah, Ummathat folk dancer from Kodagu, has been awarded for her contribution to the arts, Khadar Valli Dudekula has been awarded for his contribution to Science and Engineering.

Four involved in inter-State currency racket arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The police on Thursday unearthed an inter-State currency racket and arrested four people allegedly running it for the last one month.

P. Krishna Kanth, DCP south division, said that prime accused, identified as Raju from Ananthpur in Andhra Pradesh, is a high school dropout who learnt the art of printing fake currency by watching videos on social media. The accused worked for six months to master the skill and printed ₹500 denomination notes so perfect with water marks and security features that they looked genuine. Even the quality of paper used by the accused nearly matches with the genuine currency notes, Mr. Krishna Kanth said.

From Page One

SMK, Sudha Murty to get Padma awards

The 90-year-old Somanahalli Mallaiah Krishna, who has served in various positions including that of Maharashtra Governor and Chief Minister of Karnataka, is credited with building Brand Bengaluru.

The works of Mr. Bhyrappa, one of the most celebrated and prolific novelists in Kannada, has been translated into nearly every Indian language, besides English.

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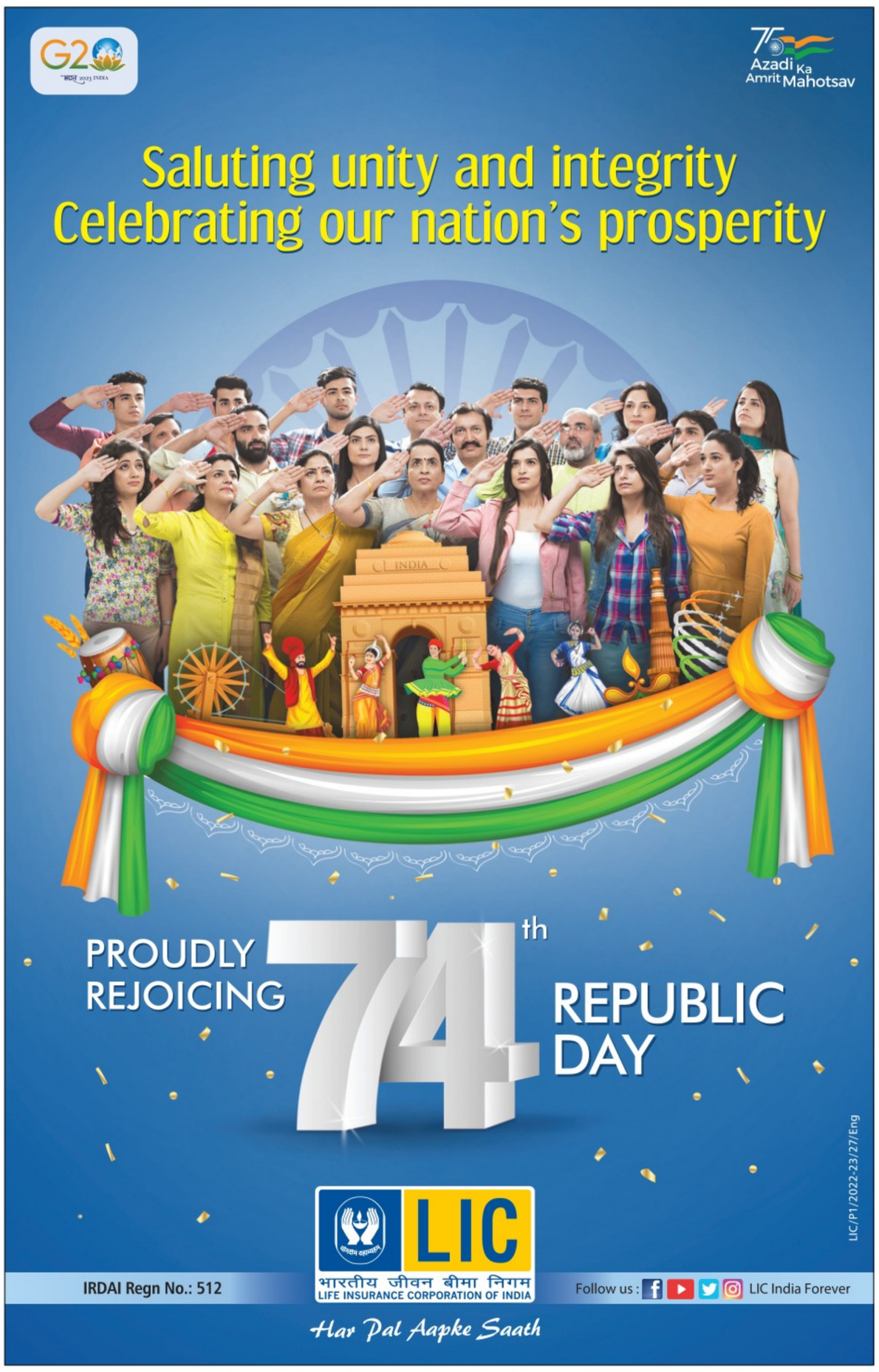

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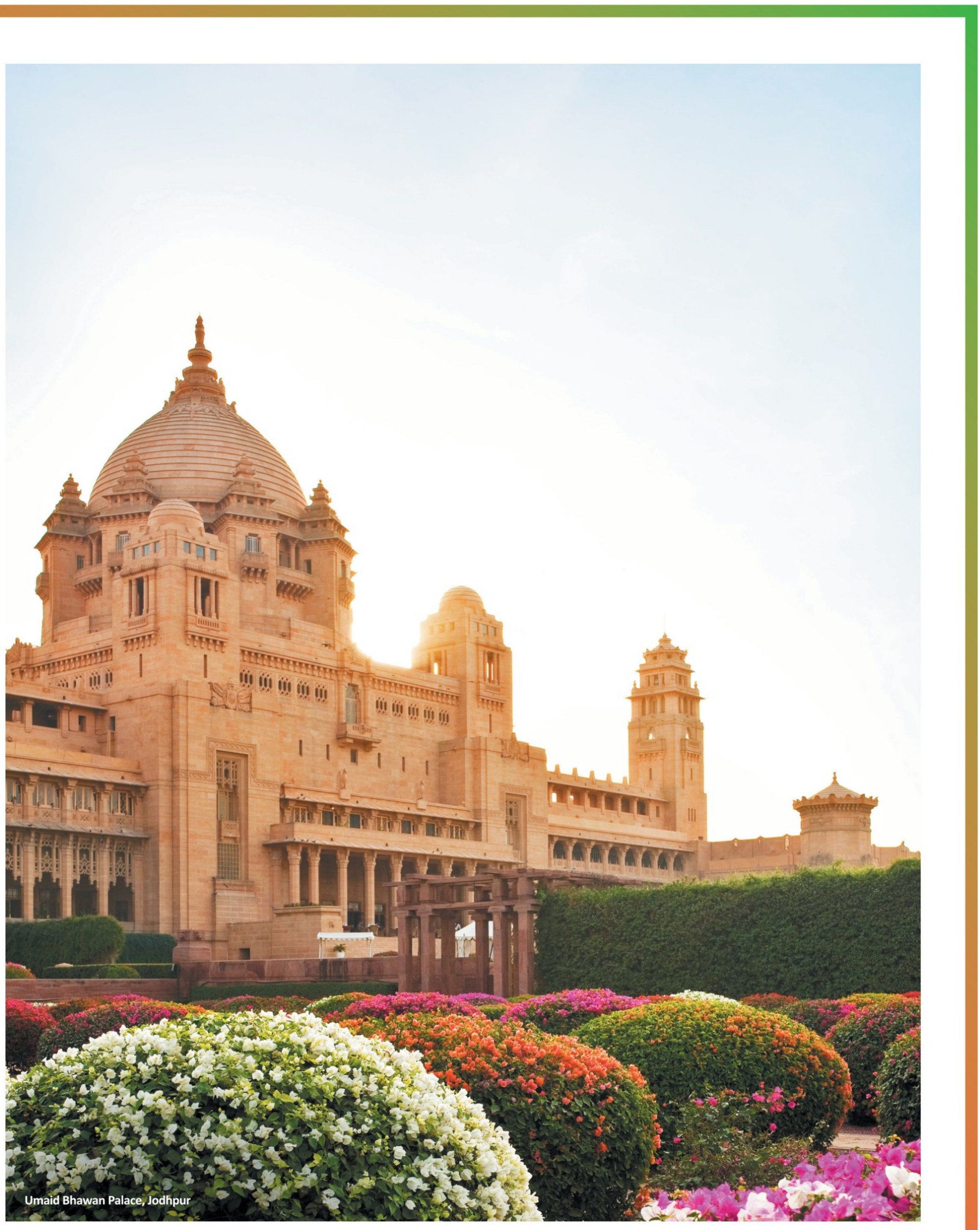

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Karnataka Housing Board

3rd and 4th floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Kempegowda road, Bengaluru - 560009 Telephone: 080-22273511-16

No: KHB/EE/Suryanagar 3rd phase/2042/2022-23 Date: 25.01.2023

Tender notification (Through E-Procurement portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the eligible contractors who are Prequalified in Karnataka Housing Board through E-procurement for below mentioned work.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Last date for submission of bid:
1	Development of 3m RCC Nala from Jigala Tank at Suryanagar Phase: III, Anekal taluk, Bengaluru. Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/0W/work_indent 1107 & IFT No.250/2022-23 Date: 24.01.2023, Amount put to tender Rs. 1,60,71,956.00	07.02.2023 up to 4.00 PM

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru
Telephone No.: 080-22273511 / 080-22100077 Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/4338/GREENFMC/2022-23

KARNATAKA STATE MINERALS CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Regd. Office : TTMC 'A' Block 5th Floor, BMTC Building, KH Road, Shanthingar , Bengaluru-560027.
Phone: 080-22278813/14/15/16, Fax : 080-22213172
Website: https://ksmc.karnataka.gov.in

No: 1066/KSMCL/Explosives/e-Tender/2022-23/2947 Date: 25.01.2023

e-TENDER INVITATION

KSMCL invites e-Tender for supply of explosives to Mines & Quarries under e-tendering system through Karnataka Public Procurement portal.

Calendar of Events	
Tender Reference No	1066/KSMCL/ Explosives/e-Tender/ 2022-23/2942
Commencement to Download from website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in	From 25.01.2023
Last date for receiving pre-bid queries	31.01.2023 at 5.00 pm.
Pre-bid meeting at H O of KSMCL	02.02.2023 at 12.00 Noon
Last date and time for uploading of e-tender in E-Procurement platform	08.02.2023 up to 5.00 pm
Opening of Technical Bid in e-portal	10.02.2023 at 11.00 am
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Zone - I - Rs.58,000/- Zone - II - Rs.22,000/- Zone - I & II - Rs. 80,000/-
Address for Communication	Executive Director, Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited, TTMC, 'A' Block, 5th Floor, BMTC Building, K.H.Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-27.

Sd/-
General Manager (P)

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TENDER NOTICE

e-Procurement notice No. SS-16/34/2022-CMO SEC-SSA, Dt.25-01-2023

Samagra Shiksha, Andhra Pradesh is inviting tenders through e-procurement for supply of Notebooks under the scheme of "Jagananna Vidya Kanuka" to all the students (approximately **23.23 lakhs** in number) studying classes VI to X in Government / MPP / ZPP / Municipal / KGBVs / Model Schools /Residential / Aided Schools of Education and welfare departments in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the year 2023-24. For details please visit **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** from **26-01-2023**. Contact Ph. No. **0866-2428599.**

DIPR1518PP/CL, Dt: 25-01-2023 **Sd/- State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Andhra Pradesh.**

Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Institute of Endocrinology & Research, Bengaluru

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Old Madras Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru – 560038
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No. KIER:BLR:TS:HK&S:06:2022-23 Date: 25.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

KIER invites tenders from eligible bidders for House Keeping and Security Services in two bid system through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka.
E.M.D. & Security Deposit: **As mentioned in the tender document.**
Commencement of download of e-Tender Form from **https://.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** : **26.01.2023.** Last Date for submission of tenders : **08.02.2023 upto 04.00 pm**
Date of opening of Technical Bids: **10.02.2023 at 11.00 a.m.**
For further details contact office during office hours. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept/ reject/ cancel the tender partially or fully without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
Admin Officer,
KIER, Bengaluru

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, BBMP, 2nd Floor, Shakthi Soudha, 13th Cross Road, 4th B Main Road, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560 040. Ph: 080-22975725

No: EE(GRN)/TN/GL-30/2022-23 Date: 24-01-2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Two Cover System) (Least Cost Based Selection)
(Through GoK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, (Govindarajanagara Division), West Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru, invites tenders for the following services from reputed Consultants for the work detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimate Cost in Crores	Amount put to Tender (Rupees) 1% for PMC	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Consultancy services for Project Management Consultancy for the work of Construction of Multi Speciality Hospital at Pantharapalya in Ward No.131 Nayandahalli (Phase-II) **Package-GRN-17)**	**32.00**	**32.00 Lakhs**	64,000/-

Calendar of Events: 1) RFP documents may be downloaded from e-Procurement portal of GOK website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. 2) Pre-bid meeting: **31.01.2023 at 15:30 hrs.** 3) Last date & time for receipt of Tender Document : **03.02.2023 upto 16:00 hrs.** 4) Opening of Technical Bids: **04.02.2023 at 16:30 hrs.**

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or from the e-Procurement portal website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Govindarajanagara Division, BBMP

INBRIEF

Voting is not only a right but also a duty, says Governor

"Voting is not only a right but also a duty," said Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Wednesday. He was speaking after inaugurating the National Voters Day programme in the city.

Calling upon people to be aware of their voting rights, the Governor said every citizen should vote and also motivate others to exercise their franchise. On the occasion, the Governor presented awards to State- and district-level officials for their outstanding performance in election management, revision of electoral rolls, and voter awareness. Four IAS officials, who functioned as district election officials in Belagavi, Tumakuru, Yadgir, and Udupi in election-related work and electoral roll revision in 2022, bagged the best performers' award.

Likewise, three chief executive officers of zilla panchayats who are the nodal officers for SVEEP at the district level were honoured.

Book case against Jarkiholi, CM for plan to pay ₹6,000 to each voter: Congress

In his rebuttal, Jarkiholi says his statements were twisted by media; alleges that DKS was behind the sex CD scandal that cost him ministerial post

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/BELAGAVI

The Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) has accused the ruling BJP leaders of "hatching a conspiracy" to woo voters in the Legislative Assembly elections by distributing ₹30,000 crore, and urged the police to register a case against Chief Basavaraj Bommai, BJP national president J.P. Nadda, State president Nalin Kumar Kateel, and the former Minister and BJP MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi.

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar and Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, in a complaint dated January 24 submitted at the High Grounds Police Station in Bengaluru, alleged that Mr. Jarkiholi had on January 22 announced in Belagavi that the BJP would pay ₹6,000 to every voter in the Assembly elections.

Congress leaders D.K. Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah handing over their complaint to the police in Bengaluru; (right) Ramesh Jarkiholi at a press meet in Belagavi on Wednesday.
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Meanwhile, Mr. Jarkiholi said in Belagavi that his statement was misconstrued. "It is true that I said that we will give ₹6,000 per head. But that was not meant to be a bribe for voting. It was my measure of per capita funds that I would release for the constituency for its development. My statements were twisted by the media," he claimed. Congress leaders, in their petition, attached a copy of video footage as evidence, in which Mr. Jarkiholi is heard stating that ₹6,000 could be offered to every voter in the ensuing elections. The former Minister's comments were made during his attack on Congress MLA Lakshmi Hebbalkar, where he said, "I urge you not to vote for our candidate if we don't give you ₹6,000."

The Congress leaders, in their petition, said, "This is part of a concerted conspiracy hatched at the highest levels in the BJP with the tacit approval of the Chief Minister... This shows that BJP leaders have got more than ₹30,000 crore to bribe voters and to hijack the elections. There are a whole group of individuals involved in this conspiracy."

The petition further stated, "This is also a fit and appropriate case where a full investigation by the Income Tax Department, and the Enforcement Directorate should initiate proceedings against the BJP's central and State leaders, the Chief Minister of Karnataka and his Cabinet colleagues, and Mr. Jarkiholi to unearth the source of the ill-gotten money of ₹30,000 crore likely to be distributed to the voters of Karnataka."

On CD scandal

In his rebuttal, Mr. Jarkiholi also alleged that Mr. Shivakumar was behind the sex CD scandal which cost him the ministerial post. He said a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation would reveal the truth. "I have asked Union Home Minister Amit Shah to hand over the case to the CBI. Only a CBI probe can expose the real offenders in that case," he said.

Necessity has not arisen for JD(S) to field Bhavani: HDK

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With a probable family dispute brewing over the issue of the Janata Dal (Secular) ticket for the Hassan Assembly constituency, denting the party's image, the former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Wednesday attempted to put an end to the issue by categorically stating that "the need for Bhavani Revanna [his sister-in-law and wife of the former Minister H.D. Revanna] to contest from Hassan has not arisen".

A day after he told an audience at Lingsugur constituency that an "ordinary party worker" is enough to defeat the incumbent BJP legislator in Hassan, Mr. Kumaraswamy on Wednesday said, "If it was a necessity for the party, I would have personally asked Ms. Bhavani to contest from Hassan. However, that necessity is not there since we have a capable candidate already."

He argued that his wife, Anitha Kumaraswamy, became the party candidate in Madhugiri during the 2008 bypoll because the current JD(S) legislator Veerbhadraiah, then government official, could not contest as his voluntary retirement had not been accepted.

A former member of the Hassan Zilla Panchayat, Ms. Bhavani had unilaterally announced at a public event near Salagame in Hassan that she had been chosen by JD(S) leaders to contest even though the party is yet to release its list of candidates for Hassan district. H.P. Swaroop, former vice-president of the Hassan Zilla Panchayat and son of the former JD(S) legislator late H.S. Prakash is a serious contender for Hassan constituency.

Mr. Kumaraswamy said on Wednesday, "There is no question of a family dispute. For me, lakhs of party workers are my family and I am responsible for them. I will solve the problem without any dispute in the family."

Promotion process begins under reservation rules, but no clarity on backlog posts

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

As the promotion process across departments in the State government has resumed as per the new reservation quota, employees belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have expressed fear of missing out on backlog posts.

The government, which notified the new roaster system to be followed after the Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions and of Appointments or Posts in the Services under the State) Act, 2022, came into effect, left out the aspect of backlog posts in its December 28, 2022 order that was issued by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms.

Dept.'s view

This is despite the fact that the Social Welfare Department in its recommendation earlier sought the inclusion of the backlog posts in the new roaster system. "Additional points have to be given for backlog posts. This needs to be reviewed," the Social Welfare Department has said in its opinion.

The new Act that came into effect on November 1, 2022, through an Ordinance, has increased reservations for SCs from 15% to 17% and for STs from 3% to 7%. The two Houses of the legislature also passed the Bill in December 2022.

The govt., which notified the new roaster system after the new Act came into effect, left out the aspect of backlog posts in its December 28, 2022 order

"The promotion process has commenced in many departments while the issue of backlog posts has not been addressed yet. In the departments where backlog posts are available, the SC/ST employees could get affected without the inclusion of the backlog posts in the roaster system," said D. Chandrashekaraiah, president of the Karnataka State Government SC/ST Employees Association. "The DPAR has assured us to look into the matter, and we are hopeful about it," he said, adding that a memorandum has been given to the Chief Secretary and the DPAR in this connection.

History of backlog posts

The history of backlog posts goes back to 1978 when for the first time the State government provided reservation in promotion. Wherever a suitable SC/ST candidate was not available, the post was filled by a candidate from the general category, provided that the post would be filled up later when an eligible SC/ST candidate was available, and this was considered as a backlog post.

"In 2015, an order was issued to fill backlog posts through reservation and was brought within the roaster system. As per the roaster system under the new Act, 29 posts for every 100 posts being filled have to go to SCs and seven posts to STs under the backlog. This is besides the 17% and 7% reservation given under the Act," Mr. Chandrashekaraiah said.

Government of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE OFFICER, KALABURAGI
Phone: 08472-278619, e-mail: dhogulbarga@gmail.com

No.: C(2)/C.R./266/2022-23 Date: 24.01.2023

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTICE

Tender is invited in two cover system under e-procurement as per the permission of Hon'ble Chairman of Tender Committee up to D:02-01-2023 for appointment to vacant posts on Temporary or for one year on outsource basis for (25) Pharmacy Officer, (02) Junior Laboratory Technician in P.H. Centres/C.H. Centres/G.G. Hospitals and (17) Nurses and (17) Group D in Health Extension Centres required for the daily services of the hospital of Health Centres coming under the jurisdiction of Office of the District Health and Family Welfare Officer for the year 2022-23.

Details of Tender Notice & Date and Time: 1) Commencement date for Bid submission 25.01.2023, 11.00 AM, 2) Last date for submission of Technical and Financial Bid : 03.02.2023 up to 5.00 PM, 3) Date of opening Technical Bid: 04.02.2023 up to 5.30 PM, 4) Date of opening Financial Bid: 07.02.2023 up to 5.30 PM, 5) Approx. Amount of Tender Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (One Crore), E.M.D. (LUMPSUM) (2.5%): Rs. 2,50,000/- (Two Lakh Fifty Thousand). 6) Contact Address: Office of the District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Kalaburagi

Note: If the last date for Bid submission is a public holiday the next working day should be considered as the last date for Bid submission.

Further details can be availed through website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or from the Office of the District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Kalaburagi, Phone: 08472-278618/ 278619 during office hours.

Sd/- District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/1178/MC&A/2022-23

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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the works mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Class-I (Civil) issued from KPWD, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following works of **(1)** Upgradation of 5MLD Capacity Water supply scheme from Hemavathi River at Gorur to Growth Centre and other Industrial Areas, Hassan. **(2)** Formation of Industrial Layout Including Construction of 24M Wide, 18M Wide, 15M Wide Roads, Including Asphalting, RCC Side Drains, RCC Cross Drainage Works, RWH and HDPE Dual Water Supply Pipe Lines at Railway Track Block, 2nd Phase Kadechuru Industrial Area Layout, Yadagiri Taluk, Yadagiri District. **(3)** Construction of Storm Water Drain at Kadechuru Industrial Area 2nd Phase, Yadagiri Taluk, Yadagiri District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **08.02.2023 upto 04:30 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-2, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/4345/Zen/2022-23

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Zone, Dasarahalli Division, 2nd & 3rd Cross, 2nd Main Road, 3rd Block, HMT Layout, Near BWSSB Water Tank, Nagasandra, Bengaluru-50 073.

No.BBMP/EE/DD/Ten/19/2022-23 Date: 25-01-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Single Tender Document System)
(Short Term Tender) (KW-1)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work & Category	Amount put to tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	Providing Silt & Tractor in Ward No.16, Kammagondanahalli. **(Others).**	12.70	31,750/-
2.	Providing Silt & Tractor in Ward No.16, Shettyhalli. **(Others).**	12.70	31,750/-
3.	Providing Silt & Tractor in Ward No.18, Bagalagunte. **(Others).**	12.70	31,750/-
4.	Providing Silt & Tractor in Ward No.19, Defence Colony. **(SC).**	12.70	15,875/-
5.	Providing Silt & Tractor in Ward No.20, Mallasandra. **(Others).**	12.70	31,750/-
6.	Providing Silt & Tractor in Ward No.21, T. Dasarahalli. **(SC).**	12.70	15,875/-
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10.	Providing Silt & Tractor in Ward No.25, Rajeshwarinagara. **(ST).**	12.70	15,875/-
11.	Providing Silt & Tractor in Ward No.26, Hegganahalli. **(SC).**	12.70	15,875/-
12.	Providing Silt & Tractor in Ward No.27, Sunkadakatte. **(Others).**	12.70	31,750/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from **Date: 31-01-2023. (2)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or **before 4:00 p.m. on 13-02-2023 (3)** Financial Bids will be opened on **14-02-2023 at 4:30 p.m. (If Possible)** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP.

Office of the Chief Engineer & Basin Manager,
Rushikulya Bahuda Vansadhara Nagavali Basin, Brahmapur-760004
e-mail : ce_rvn@yahoo.co.in

e - Procurement Notice No. CE & BM, RBVN - 10 / 2022-23

1. Type of Work : **System Improvement Work.**
2. Total No of Works : **01 (One)** No.
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4. Period of Completion : **11 (Eleven) Calendar months**

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Bid Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Availability & Submission of Bid On-line
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, RBVN Basin, Berhampur, Ganjam.	CE & BM, RBVN (BNID) - 06 / 2022-23	**1053.80**	From **31.01.2023, 10.00 A.M.** to **14.02.2023, 5.00 P.M.**

Date of opening of the Technical Bid:- **15.02.2023 at 11.30 A.M.**
Further detail can be seen from the Govt. Website "**www.tendersodisha.gov.in**".

Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, RBVN Basin, Berhampur

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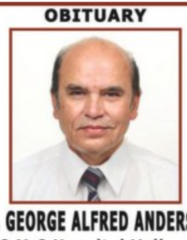

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- The Swachh Surveksha Abhiyan is a good beginning to make India clean and green. If all the citizens come together and participate in this campaign, we can restore the past glory of our garden city and achieve much more than that.

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To safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the Fundamental Duty of every Indian.

A.K. Antony's son quits party posts

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Anil K. Antony

Congress Working Committee member A.K. Antony's son and one of the national coordinators in the social media cell of the All India Congress Committee Anil. K. Antony on Wednesday resigned from his organisational responsibilities. Mr. Anil is also convener of digital media in the State Congress.

Mr. Anil's controversial tweet on Tuesday that the BBC documentary critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the 2002 Gujarat riots undermined India's sovereignty elicited Congress leadership's strong disapproval. It did not help Mr. Anil or the Congress that his father served as chairperson of the party's disciplinary action committee.

Mr. Anil said on Wednesday that he was quitting party posts in the face of "intolerant calls to retract the tweet".

He appeared to take a swipe at the Congress's flagship political programme, the Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Rahul Gandhi, by stating that people supporting "a trek to promote love" denied him the right to free speech.

It was unclear to whom Mr. Anil addressed the "redacted resignation letter" posted on Twitter.

Court suspends conviction, sentence imposed on Faizal

HC suspends 10-year RI awarded to disqualified Lakshadweep MP in attempt to murder case; says fresh poll will put immense financial burden on govt., people and halt development activities

The Hindu Bureau
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Mohammed Faizal

The Kerala High Court on Wednesday suspended the conviction and sentence of 10-year rigorous imprisonment (RI) awarded by the Kavaratti Sessions Court to disqualified Lakshadweep MP Mohammed Faizal in a case of attempt to murder Mohammed Salih, son-in-law of former Union Minister P.M. Sayeed, during the 2009 Lok Sabha election.

Justice Bechu Kurian Thomas, while allowing his petition seeking to suspend the conviction and sentence, observed that the case of Mr. Faizal falls within the category of rare and exceptional circumstances warranting a suspension of the conviction.

The court observed that if the election to the constituency of Lakshadweep was to be held immediately on account of the conviction and consequent disqualification of Mr. Faizal, the financial burden upon the government and indirectly upon the people was immense.

"The societal interest in averting an expensive election, that too when the elected candidate can continue for a limited period alone if the fresh election is conducted, cannot be brushed aside by this court. The societal interest and the need to have purity in politics and elections will have to be balanced," said the court.

It added that the consequence of not suspending the conviction is drastic not only for Mr. Faizal but also for the nation. The scope of administrative exercises required for the conduct of an election will inevitably lead to various developmental activities in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep coming to a halt for a few weeks.

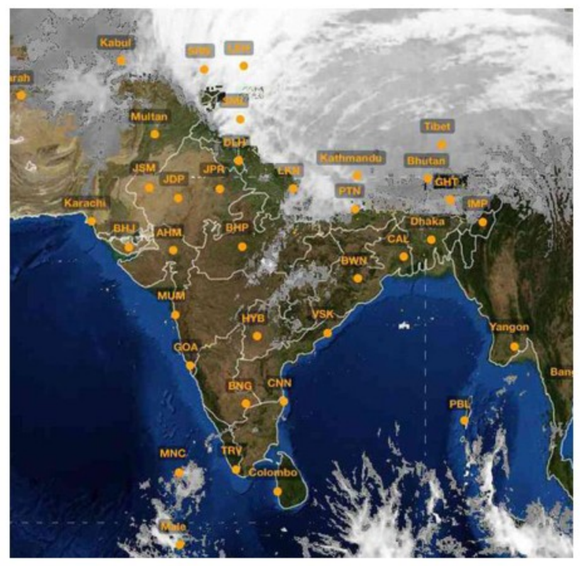
The court, however, suspended only the sentence of the other three accused in the case. It declined to suspend their conviction.

P. Vijayabhanu, counsel for the convicted MP, contended that the trial court judgment was against the facts and evidence.

The evidence was "partisan" and without any corroboration. The weapons allegedly used were not recovered. The benefit of the presumption of innocence will have to be accorded to Mr. Faizal as he had filed an appeal against the sessions court's order, said the counsel.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Thursday: Cold wave conditions likely in isolated pockets over west Rajasthan. Dense fog likely in isolated pockets over Punjab, Haryana, Assam and Tripura. Squally weather likely over southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining Equatorial Indian Ocean

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	28.1	12.8	Kozhikode	4	32.4	24.3
Ahmedabad	—	25.4	10.4	Kurnool	—	32.4	19.1
Aizawl	—	24.0	7.4	Lucknow	0.5	22.2	13.6
Allahabad	—	28.3	14.4	Madurai	—	33.1	20.4
Bengaluru	—	29.2	16.3	Mangaluru	—	30.8	23.8
Bhopal	—	—	15.2	Mumbai	—	26.0	15.6
Bhubaneswar	—	32.9	16.3	Mysuru	21	30.0	12.2
Chandigarh	13.8	19.1	13.2	New Delhi	—	19.3	10.6
Chennai	—	30.1	21.4	Patna	—	28.1	14.4
Coimbatore	—	29.5	20.6	Port Blair	—	31.6	23.2
Dehradun	6	22.2	12.1	Puducherry	—	31.2	19.2
Gangtok	—	15.2	6.6	Pune	—	30.4	15.6
Goa	—	30.8	21.0	Raipur	—	33.0	18.2
Guwahati	—	27.3	10.6	Ranchi	—	31.0	13.5
Hubballi	—	29.0	18.0	Shillong	—	18.2	7.5
Hyderabad	—	29.7	19.2	Shimla	4	10.0	3.1
Imphal	—	25.6	5.5	Srinagar	8	3.5	—
Jaipur	—	22.0	9.7	Thiruvananthapuram	53	32.2	23.1
Kochi	16	29.6	23.8	Tiruchi	—	30.7	20.0
Kohima	—	18.2	6.2	Vijayawada	—	29.2	19.2
Kolkata	—	30.2	18.0	Visakhapatnam	—	32.7	19.1

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
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Bengaluru	.17	..33	94	..... —	81	
Chennai	.23	..36	42	... 178	...116	
Delhi	...7	167	59	... 329	...181	
Hyderabad	...5	..43	33	 84	...140	
Kolkata	.14	..14	11	... 305	...153	
Lucknow	.11	..85	51	... 246	...220	
Mumbai	.17	179	66	... 364	...192	
Pune	..—	..22	55	... 334	...196	
Visakhapatnam	..—	..68	70	... 281	...263	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 455 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 29

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Albinism in wild dog documented in Karnataka sanctuary

The Hindu Bureau
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In what could be termed as a first for dholes (wild dogs), a partial albino dhole (*Cuon alpinus*) has been photo-documented in the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary. This is not only the first-ever record of albinism in dholes from India but also from its entire distribution range in 11 countries.

The photographic record of the partial albino dhole was documented in the Sangama range of the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary by Sanjay Gubbi and his team of Nature Conservation Foundation and Hólématthi Nature Foundation. The current camera-trapping exercise was conducted as part of the long-term population monitoring of leopards.

"It is also to be noted that the frontline staff of Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary have noticed this individual before it was camera-trapped," said Mr. Gubbi.

Rare sight: An albino dhole, left, photo-documented at Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

With reference to the specific individual, Mr. Gubbi said the partial albino dhole was part of a pack of six other dholes and to date, it had been recorded four times in the camera traps.

However, there were also remote chances that this individual could be an inter-breed between a domestic dog and dholes. This could only be ascertained if DNA testing of the individual was carried out, Mr. Gubbi added.

Earlier in T.N.

Though albino dhole had never been recorded in the wild, a melanistic dhole had been recorded in Gaddesal, Coimbatore Forest Division in Tamil Nadu by naturalist-hunter and coffee planter R.C. Morris, said Mr. Gubbi. The same team had in 2014 documented the first-ever record of honey badger for Karnataka from the same area in Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary.

Dholes or the Indian wild dog are an endangered species found in forests and scrubland in 11 Asian countries. Apart from India, dholes are currently found in Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, and Indonesia among others.

Shri Narendra Modi
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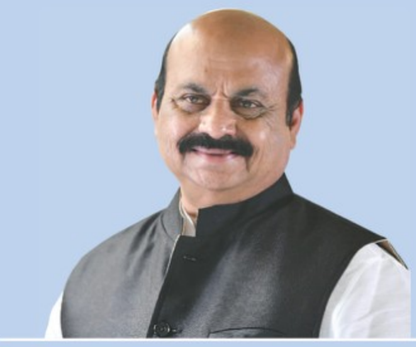
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Necessary disclosure

Law Minister's objection to Collegium sharing intelligence inputs has no merit

There is nothing wrong, or that warrants grave concern, as claimed by Union Law Minister, Kiren Rijiju, in the Supreme Court Collegium disclosing portions of reports by intelligence agencies on prospective candidates for judicial appointments. If anything, the Collegium's disclosure of the nature of the objections raised by the government has only helped make the discussion transparent. It is difficult to agree with the assumption that reports by the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) on names recommended or considered by the Collegium are inherently sensitive in nature. RAW is cited in the Collegium's disclosure as raising the issue of the suitability of an advocate for appointment because his partner is a foreign national. The IB reports appear to have highlighted social media posts by two other lawyers to raise doubts about their impartiality. While reiterating the earlier recommendations, the Collegium had to address the government's objections on a point-by-point basis. There was nothing improper about the disclosure of the details, which were incidental to the purpose of rebutting the claims. In the three recent instances, there is no startling revelation in the intelligence reports concerning lawyers whose names have been recommended for appointment in different High Courts; nor is there any sensitive information that could compromise the identity of officers or their undercover work.

It is not clear on what basis Mr. Rijiju has claimed that intelligence officers will "think twice" in future if their reports are made public, when only a summation of their reports is out in the public domain. In fact, it is questionable whether the government should quote intelligence reports in its communications with the Collegium. Objections based on political views or social media posts could have been raised by the government on its own, without citing any agency by name. It is part of the appointment process that names are vetted by intelligence agencies to look for possible criminal antecedents or misdemeanours, and raising such issues need not be specifically attributed to any agency. It is also quite rich that the government, which has been assailing the collegium system of appointments for its opaqueness, should be worried about excessive disclosure by the Collegium. It cannot be forgotten that the government is also contributing to the opaqueness by its silence and inaction regarding some recommendations, and demonstrating urgency in approving other names. It raises the question of suitability of some candidates based on some posts critical of government policy, but ignores the fact that lawyers with strong political affiliation to the ruling party also make it to the Bench without any impediment.

On the mat

Politicians in charge of sporting bodies create a stifling environment

In an unprecedented move generating much heat, India's leading wrestlers cutting across the gender-divide took to the streets last week. Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia led the sit-in protest at Jantar Mantar and their ire was directed at the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. Vinesh levelled sexual harassment allegations against Brij Bhushan and stated that she had even contemplated suicide. Sakshi and Punia too stressed that not all was well with the functioning of the WFI. The federation meanwhile denied all allegations and hinted at a 'Haryana lobby' trying to discredit the president in the run-up to the association elections. Brij Bhushan, who is also a Bharatiya Janata Party Member of Parliament from Uttar Pradesh, stuck to his denial while the aggrieved athletes dug their heels in, repeated their sit-in protest for another day besides having multiple meetings with Sports Minister Anurag Thakur. Though for now this is a case of furious allegations and flat denials, the incident highlights the inherent flaws in India's sporting underbelly. In a largely patriarchal country, the rural woman athlete's first exposure to a male outside the immediate family environment is often the coach or a sports administration official. If this trust is violated, the athlete is scarred for life.

There are the rare ideal coach-athlete equations based on mutual respect, but there are also exploitative tales simmering under the surface. The deafening silence had to end and the medal-winning and much-feted wrestlers have taken the first step. Now, the five-member oversight committee set up by the Sports Minister has to follow up on the allegations and arrive at the truth. That the responsibility has been given to Olympian Mary Kom, who heads the committee, should put both sides at ease. Mary Kom and her fellow-members have to both reveal empathy and a firm quest for the truth. That Brij Bhushan hails from the ruling party should not become a burden and the Sports Ministry did well in forcing the WFI president to step aside from the day-to-day functioning of the association. That politicians cutting across party lines are part of India's sports administrative ecosystem is a known fact. Drawn by the soft power of sport and the goodwill it generates, most sporting bodies have politicians in vital positions. The power that they wield within these federations and the phone calls that they could place back to New Delhi, do create a stifling environment. The wrestlers need to back their allegations with proof and the latest episode offers an opportunity to clean up the administration.

India's juggernaut of censorship

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has blocked over 50 tweets on Twitter that carried a link to the BBC documentary, "India: The Modi Question". In an order on January 20, 2023, the government used emergency powers under the Information Technology Rules, 2021 and Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 to direct Twitter and YouTube to disable access to the documentary within India and prevent its re-upload. Limited information about the blockage is available coming primarily from statements made by officials and reporting by Twitter to the Lumen Database that tracks takedown requests. There are concerns over natural justice, the constitutionality of the direction, and how the IT Rules that are in a perpetual state of proposed amendment.

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Opacity supersedes natural justice

Natural justice is a fundamental principle in public law when decisions affect fundamental rights such as the freedom of speech. The Supreme Court of India, in the case of Cricket Association of Bengal, recognised that, "[t]he right to receive and impart information is implicit in free speech".

Therefore, any restriction must ordinarily issue a show cause notice, provide the opportunity of defence to the author, and record reasons in an order that is made publicly. Providing reasons allows for the author or publisher, as well as the recipient of the information, to seek judicial remedies and act as a check for constitutionally permitted censorship. So, was such a procedure followed for the 45 people whose tweets were blocked? Were they provided a chance for a hearing, or a copy of the blocking order? Has it been made public? No.

Such practice is contrary to the directions of the Supreme Court in the case of Shreya Singhal vs Union of India. In the case it upheld that blocking powers under Section 69A subject to "reasons have to be recorded in writing in such blocking order so that they may be assailed in a writ petition". However, blocking orders are marked as "secret" or "confidential", then transmitted directly to service providers, making it difficult for the authors an opportunity of defence and the general public to challenge them.

This is why Twitter has approached the High Court of Karnataka. This is also why movie critic Tanul Thakur, whose satirical website was blocked, approached the High Court of Delhi and was able to obtain a copy of the blocking order. Instead, press releases are selectively issued instead of disclosing the text of orders. This type of "transparency when convenient" becomes a form of opacity. This writer's colleague, Prateek Waghre, looked at eight press releases over a period and discovered that the tally within them is far lower than the one provided for by the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting in Parliament in July 2022. The disclosures when made have been related to populist issues such as blocking Pakistani content related to the armed forces, or on Jammu and Kashmir. Notably, there has been no official press release for the online blocking of the BBC documentary.

> There has been a gradual and inexorable expansion of IT Rules into an 'everything law', leading one to ask where free debate and expression is in a digital and democratic India

On whether it is a perpetual emergency

The blocking has been made under Rule 16(3) of the IT Rules and Section 69(A) of the IT Act, 2000 that allow for "emergency blocking". However, the term "emergency" itself is not legislatively defined, but following the dictionary meaning would mean "a dangerous situation requiring immediate action". It permits an expedited process that weakens the already minimal checks by bypassing a committee and also eliminating the opportunity to be heard. It is important to note that these rules have been challenged in courts. In August 2021, the Bombay High Court, in a petition by The Leaflet and Nikhil Waghle, suspended Rules 9(1) and 9(3) that establish a code of ethics for online news platforms and a three-tier grievance redress mechanism headed by the central government. In its interim order it counselled, "it is healthy to invite criticism of all those who are in public service for the nation to have structured growth".

A month later, on September 17, 2021, the Madras High Court in a petition by musician and author T.M. Krishna noted, "there is substantial basis to the petitioners' assertion that Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution may be infringed in how the Rules may be coercively applied". The central government's response to the more than 20 challenges filed in High Courts was to seek their transfer to the Supreme Court. On May 9, 2022, the top court issued notice, even stayed existing proceedings, but refused to interfere with these interim orders. It means that the directions of the High Courts still hold the force of law. Given this, we would imagine officials to be prudent and avoid undermining their letter and spirit.

However, we have witnessed an increased use of emergency powers, as seen in the eight press releases referred to earlier on questionable grounds. For instance, the BBC documentary has been described by public authorities as "propaganda" reflecting "a colonial mindset". Even on accepting such an assertion, it cannot be understood how it qualifies as an emergency.

An 'everything law'

The IT Rules first notified on April 11, 2011 by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) have undergone a radical change. This can be attributed to a centralisation of executive power rather than a rapid metamorphosis of the subject matter for regulation. On February 25, 2021, the rules were amended drastically to increase government control over online platforms and news publishers. Other changes included the creation of grievance officers for social media companies and traceability requirements to increase censorship and break privacy-protecting technologies such as encryption. It also required news publishers to follow a vague moral code of self-censorship that permitted grievances to be escalated to the government, leading to stay orders by High Courts.

On October 28, 2022, rather than address such constitutional concerns, another set of amendments created a government censorship body sitting in appeal of all content moderated by social media companies. This year started with more proposed changes. On January 2, 2023, MeitY wanted to create a self-regulatory system for online gaming and gambling companies, which is illegal on several grounds, including federalism, given that legislation on it is a State subject. Despite reasoned criticism, MeitY pushed ahead. A new provision was proposed on January 17, 2023, which was the last date of this public consultation and modelled as an extension. Another week was provided to respond to a draft that gave the Press Information Bureau a general mandate and any central government ministry as per their allocated area of business, the power to fact-check and take down any online content without defining the term "fake". This led to swift condemnation by journalist associations and editorial positions were taken against it by most national newspapers. Only three days later the BBC's documentary was blocked. Here, events bear witness to the inexorable expansion of IT Rules into the 'everything law'.

Today it clothes violations of fundamental rights by creating the pretence of a procedure which permits unlimited censorship powers that are often left to an unbounded imagination and capriciousness. On Republic day, it leaves us to ask a wider question: where do we place free debate and expression in a digital and democratic India?

Torpedoing a submarine rumour

Speculation abounds that the Indian Navy could cancel Project-75 India (I)-class for submarine production and instead acquire more Scorpene (Kalvari class) submarines – the fifth submarine from this class, INS Vagir, was commissioned into the Navy on January 23. A media report last week claimed that the Navy, faced with a single vendor option in Project-75I – with a South Korean company the only bidder in the fray with a proven fuel cell-based air-independent propulsion (AIP) system – may place a repeat order for Scorpene-class submarines to be built at Mazagon Docks Limited (MDL). According to the report, the Navy plans on installing the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)'s still-to-be-developed AIP on the new submarines, impelled in no small measure by China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy's advance in the Indian Ocean.

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No sense of doom

There are many things wrong with the report. First, it is based almost entirely on conjecture, seemingly intended to dub Project 75I as impractical and "unviable." There are no indications that the Navy considers the P-75I to be unfeasible. In December 2022, when the Navy Chief, Admiral R. Hari Kumar, mentioned that the follow-on project for submarines would be cleared by 2023, there were no signs of the Navy's lack of confidence in the P-75I. While the Navy has had issues, with many design collaborators withdrawing their tenders for various reasons, there has never been a sense of doom about the project. In fact, German shipbuilder TKMS, which had earlier withdrawn its bid, has even indicated its willingness to remain in the fray, provided the Indian Navy tempers its expectations. The most difficult of the Navy's conditions for foreign collaborators is the requirement that the AIP be a proven system. So, except for the South Korean firm Daewoo, no vendor that bid for the P-75I has a proven AIP system. Ironically, the DRDO's AIP is itself unproven. Back in March 2021, the DRDO tested a land-based prototype of the AIP but has reportedly made little progress since. The expectation that the DRDO's AIP will be installed on the first Kalvari-class submarine when it comes in for refit in 2024 is unrealistic given that it has yet to be tried in field conditions. The Navy is reportedly in the process of designating a Kilo-class submarine as a "test bed" for the indigenous AIP, but the process of installation and testing at sea is likely to be protracted.

> The attempt being made to show that the Project-75I submarine project does not suit the Indian Navy is misinformation aimed at influencing the defence decision-making process

The need for a 'home-grown' project

Second, the contention that the cancellation of the P-75I and a repeat order of Project-75 submarines would further 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' is inaccurate. The Navy's leadership has in the past acknowledged that the Naval Group, the French company that built the Scorpene-class submarines, transferred insufficient technology during Project 75. While the MDL has developed valuable submarine-building expertise – which supporters of a P-75 repeat order rightly argue must be leveraged in future projects – the skills obtained ought to be used in a home-grown project such as the P-75I, where foreign collaborators would be contractually bound to transfer technology in ways that would enable Indian shipbuilders to construct future submarines without external help. A repeat of the Scorpene-class submarines at the altar of the P-75I would mean the abandonment of the strategic partnership model. That is bound to adversely impact the Navy's indigenisation initiative. It would also be a blow to the confidence of private shipbuilders, who have invested considerable fiscal and human capital in developing capabilities to build warships and submarines in the hope of contributing to the creation of a defence industrial base.

The issue of battery technology

Third, the claim that lithium-ion batteries are better than AIP – as media reports suggested – is flawed. Lithium batteries, while offering better efficiency, power, and charge and discharge dynamics, are unstable and suffer from thermal runaway, fire, and explosion risks. Regardless of the use of lithium batteries in Japan's new submarines, lithium-ion fuel cell technology has still not reached a stage of maturation for the Indian Navy to consider it reliable.

There is also the larger question of whether the DRDO's phosphoric acid fuel cell (PAFC)-based AIP is suitable for Indian submarines. The issue is not as clear-cut as many imagine. PAFC technology is certainly more rugged than other fuel cell types and does offer longer life and efficiency. But it is expensive, complex, and difficult to maintain. In fact, PAFCs are not used for submarine propulsion by any navy in the world. The only fuel cell technology known to work is the proton exchange membrane (PEM) used in German and South Korean submarines.

This is not to cast aspersions on India's defence scientists and their efforts to find a solution to the AIP problem in conventional submarines. Their attempts are indeed laudable. The aim of this account is only to point out that speculation in the media that Project 75I is ill-suited for the Navy is tendentious misinformation aimed ostensibly to influence the defence decision-making process. There are no signs yet that the Navy is about to – or indeed should – abandon the P-75I.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Constitution imperilled

The statement of the Union Law Minister, Kiren Rijiju, that the Supreme Court Collegium has hijacked the Constitution is one aspect of the matter. One should not fail to notice that the statements of both the Vice-President of India and the Law Minister that there should be parliamentary supremacy betray the real intention of the party in power. Their claim for parliamentary supremacy is only to implement a divisive agenda. It is clear that the government of the day wants to go back to the earlier state of affairs even though the Supreme Court in the Kesavananda Bharati case clearly laid out that any law made by Parliament is subject to the basic structure of the Constitution which includes secularism, federalism, independence of the judiciary and other democratic norms.

The Union government cannot drumbeat that Parliament is supreme just because it has secured a majority in Parliament. It cannot overlook the fact that majoritarianism is subject to constitutional values which the founders of the Constitution laid emphasis on. It appears that the agenda of the Law Minister and the Vice-President is to hijack the Constitution.

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Describing an elephant

It was disheartening to see the terms "rogue", "their enemy", "enslaved" and "beast" being used to describe a wild elephant in conflict with humans and human settlements in a report, "Rogue elephant PT-7 captured in a 'textbook operation' in Palakkad" (Inside pages, January 23). Such terms may convey to this newspaper's wide readership, especially urban children who have not seen an elephant in the wild, that an elephant is an animal to be feared, suspected and to be trapped. The reasons for man-animal conflicts across India have been well-documented in scientific and journalistic literature, more so in *The Hindu* which has published several reports specifically dealing with elephant deaths in the Palakkad-Coimbatore corridor after collisions and accidents with passenger and goods trains.

Using such disparaging terms to describe a beast that is gentle in the wild, follows group dharma in general and which stays in harmony with nature, is a big disservice to elephants and humans.

Even while highlighting the agony and the anger of the affected people, the majestic wild elephant does not need to be burdened with an additional negative impression.

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Chennai

Shock exit

India's premature exit from the hockey World Cup is a shock. Was the Tokyo medal a flash in the pan? Hockey India under Dilip Tirkey must get to the root cause of this debacle. The Odisha and Punjab models must spread across India.

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Contesting the hegemony of the dollar

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The fact that the multipolar international system is fast unfolding is reinforced by clear trends in polycentric global geoeconomics. There is significant trade within the Global South; currency swap agreements; trade in national currencies bypassing the dollar; steps towards trading oil and gas in national currencies; the promotion of such arrangements by regional organisations; the setting up of special accounts for internationalising national currencies; and the setting up of financial communications systems. Is this multipolarity irreversible? Can the dollar hegemony be challenged?

Countries outside the West say they are operating in a multipolar system and are developing mechanisms for alternate currency exchanges to reduce risks and their dependence on the dollar. Trade wars against China since 2018 have set China on this path. The Russia-Ukraine war has hastened this development since Russia trades oil and commodities in ruble and national currencies, in a model similar to the rupee-rouble trade of earlier years.

Economic diversification

The steady but unequal growth of the 'emerging economies' is the base for economic diversification. For example, the combined GDP of China, India, Russia, South Africa, Indonesia, Brazil, Iran and Turkey exceeds that of the G7.

Inter-Asian consumption is driving high levels of trade between Asian countries. India's trade with Asian countries is higher than with the West. China's trade with Asian countries more than doubled in the last few years, beating its trade with the West. The UAE, Iran, Turkey, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia are trading in local currencies with regional partners. Bilateral currency swaps among ASEAN countries, China, Japan, South Korea are $380 billion and rising. Similarly, the South African rand is used by several African countries. The Latin American countries are moving towards greater inter-regional trade.

With high exchange rates of the dollar, emerging economies have initiated trade in national currencies bypassing the dollar. Asian central banks have over $400 billion of local currency swap lines and trade amongst themselves. Since 2019, India has been paying Russia for fuel, oil, minerals and specific defence imports in rupees on an informal basis. It has worked out local currency trade with the UAE, Japan, Turkey, Korea and South Asian countries. In July 2022, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) unveiled a rupee settlement system for international trade by allowing special vostro accounts in designated Indian banks, a step towards internationalising the rupee.

China developed the Renminbi in 2015 and offers clearing and settlement services for participants in cross-border yuan payments and trade. The yuan is being internationalised as the International Monetary Fund has given it Special Drawing Rights status in the currency basket. Russian banks have started using the China-based Cross-Border Interbank Payment System for international payments, as they are debarred from the SWIFT international system.

The BRICS's New Development Bank encourages trade and investment in national currencies by disbursing up to 50% of its loans in national currencies since 2015. Other regional groupings such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and Eurasian Economic Union and partner-countries of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership are setting up processes to conduct trade, investments and settlements in national currencies. The process of creating a common payment infrastructure and connecting national systems for the transmission of financial information is being put in place.

A serious challenge to the petrodollar comes from moves to trade oil and gas outside the dollar zone. This move can cut into the monopoly of the dollar that the U.S. has since the 1970s. But while many oil producers, refiners and buyers such as Russia, India, China, Venezuela and Iran have initiated trading hydrocarbons in national currencies, this process is yet to achieve full force. India's vostro accounts enable rupee payments for Russian crude and, as former RBI governor D. Subbarao said, India can save up to $4 billion a month in forex outgo. China is using the yuan-ruble route for Russian oil since 2020. China is in talks with Saudi Arabia and the Gulf countries to trade oil in yuan.

What this means

What do these trends amount to? First, despite speculation, there is no move towards de-dollarisation. The challenge for national currencies is that these are not fully convertible. Thus, despite the rise of alternate systems of trade, and multiple currency circulation systems, the dollar still dominates. Further rocking the dollar boat will expose these countries that have trillions of dollars as reserve currency. Second, the dollar makes up 60% of the global currency, the euro 20%, the yen 5.8% and the yuan 3%. To make an alternate system operational requires a longer and sustainable effort. Third, the diversification of national currency in trade is increasing. Trade and buying food and oil in national currencies gives countries outside the collective West options that were not available earlier. In the contemporary international system, nation states of the Global South are determined to choose their own allies. In this environment geopolitics and geoeconomics are merging, and new supply chains and alternate currency chains are enabling dual/multiple circulation systems. This is the material basis of the multipolar system.

New supply chains and alternate currency chains are enabling dual/multiple circulation systems

Where small parties play a big role

In Telangana, smaller parties could have a bearing on the election outcome

STATE OF PLAY

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As Telangana gears up for the Assembly election, to be held at the end of this year, there is now aggressive posturing even by the smaller political outfits such as the YSR Telangana Party (YSRTP), the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and the Jana Sena Party (JSP). Whether the election will be a battle of the major contenders – the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) – or whether the presence of these smaller parties will have a bearing on the outcome is the big question.

YSRTP chief Y.S. Sharmila, the daughter of united Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy, has entered the fray. Given her determination, some people are speculating about which party will pay the price for her party's presence in the electoral fray.

Similarly, actor Pawan Kalyan's JSP too is contemplating the idea of fielding candidates in at least a dozen constituencies. Mr. Kalyan enjoys a huge fan following in both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Former IPS officer-turned-politician R. S. Praveen Kumar, State chief of the BSP, has been focusing on the plight of the Dalits and has used every opportunity to raise their woes much to the chagrin of the ruling dispensation. He has carefully mobilised former students of the State-run social welfare residential institutions under the banner of SWAROES (Social Welfare Aeroes, which is Greek for sky) as his party's brand ambassadors. His meetings draw large crowds. Going by his claims,

the BSP could play a role in deciding the fate of the large parties in some constituencies.

The large parties cannot ignore the smaller parties as the elections may be keenly contested. Who will bear the brunt of the split in the Opposition votes is the question.

Ms. Sharmila has been focusing on the old Khammam district, which has a mix of Telangana and Andhra culture. The district has been a stronghold of the Telugu Desam Party, the Left parties and the Congress. Many in the district are still believed to have fond memories of Rajasekhara Reddy. Ms. Sharmila is sure to evoke his memory and legacy to the hilt to garner votes. If this happens, it could prove costly for the Congress. The traditional Congress vote bank could be divided if Ms. Sharmila manages to attract the votes of Rajasekhara Reddy loyalists. She is keen to contest from the Palair Assembly seat in Khammam district. Her brother Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's YSR Congress Party had won a Lok Sabha seat and three Assembly seats in the 2014 elections in Khammam district. Subsequently, the three MLAs merged the YSRC Legislature Party in the Telangana Rashtra Samithi, which is now the BRS.

JSP leaders are confident that if Mr. Kalyan decides to test his party's fortunes, it could be in at least a dozen seats. "We have drawn a list of 32 constituencies where the party has pockets of interest. But ultimately, we may try our luck in a dozen seats," a top JSP leader said, adding that unlike in Andhra Pradesh, where the BJP is its poll partner, no such understanding has been reached in Telangana.

In the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections, the JSP withdrew from the fray to back the BJP. The understanding was that the BJP would provide a road map to work jointly on issues and constitute a joint coordination committee for Telangana, but the proposal is still to fructify. It appears as if the JSP is not keen to sail with the BJP in Telangana. BJP leaders too maintain that they have not officially or unofficially entered into any alliance with the JSP.

It is the BRS that is likely to benefit in this scenario. A split of opposition votes among the three smaller entities is likely to give a lifeline to the BRS, which has been facing strong opposition from the Congress and the BJP. The BRS leadership is also maintaining a strategic silence against Ms. Sharmila's attacks against the government and Mr. Praveen Kumar's accusations of corruption and failures to come to the rescue of the downtrodden.

Mr. Pawan Kalyan's tour of north Telangana, where he visited temples and showcased his campaign vehicle 'Varahi', Ms. Sharmila's vow to resume her padayatra from January 28, and Mr. Praveen Kumar's mass contact programmes have once again brought to the centre stage their determined efforts to make a mark. Evangelist K.A. Paul's Praja Shanti Party is also a party to watch out for. Meanwhile, the Telugu Desam Party, Telangana is trying to create a space for itself in the already overcrowded political landscape of Telangana.

A brief history of artificial intelligence

Computers and AI have fundamentally changed what we see, what we know, and what we do

DATA POINT

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How rapidly the world has changed becomes clear by how even recent computer technology feels ancient to us today. Mobile phones in the 1990s were big bricks with tiny green displays. Two decades before that, the main storage for computers was punch cards. In a short period, computers evolved so quickly and became such an integral part of our daily lives that it is easy to forget how recent this technology is. The first digital computers were only invented about eight decades ago, as **Timeline 1** shows.

Since the early days of this history, some computer scientists have strived to make machines as intelligent as humans. **Timeline 2** shows some notable artificial intelligence (AI) systems and describes what they were capable of.

The first system is the Theseus. It was built by Claude Shannon in 1950 and was a remote-controlled mouse that was able to find its way out of a labyrinth and could remember its course. In seven decades, the abilities of AI have come a long way. The language and image recognition capabilities of AI systems have also developed rapidly. **Chart 3** shows how we got here by zooming into the last two decades of AI development. The plotted data stem from a number of tests in which human and AI performance were evaluated in five different domains, from handwriting recognition to language understanding.

Within each of the five domains the initial performance of the AI system is set to -100, and human performance in these tests is used as a baseline that is set to zero. This means that when the model's performance crosses the zero line the AI system scored more points in the relevant test than the humans who did the same test.

Just 10 years ago, no machine could reliably provide language or image recognition at a human level. But as the chart shows, AI systems have become steadily more capable and are now beating humans in tests in all these domains.

Outside of these standardised tests, the performance of these AIs is mixed. In some real-world cases, these systems are still performing much worse than humans. On the other hand, some implementations of such AI systems are already so cheap that they are available on the phone in your pocket: image recognition categorises your photos and speech recognition transcribes what you dictate.

Chart 3 showed the rapid advances in the perceptive abilities of artificial intelligence. AI systems have also become much more capable of generating images. A series of nine images (**Graphic 4**) shows the development over the last nine years. None of the people in these images exist; all of them were generated by an AI system. The series begins with an image from 2014 in the top left, a primitive image of a pixelated face in black and white. As the first image in the second row shows, just three years later, AI systems were already able to generate images that were hard to differentiate from a photograph.

In recent years, the capability of AI systems has become much more impressive. While the early systems focused on generating images of faces, these newer models broadened their capabilities to text-to-image generation based on almost any prompt. The image in the bottom right shows that even the most challenging prompts – such as "A Pomeranian is sitting on the King's throne wearing a crown. Two tiger soldiers are standing next to the throne" – are turned into photorealistic images within seconds.

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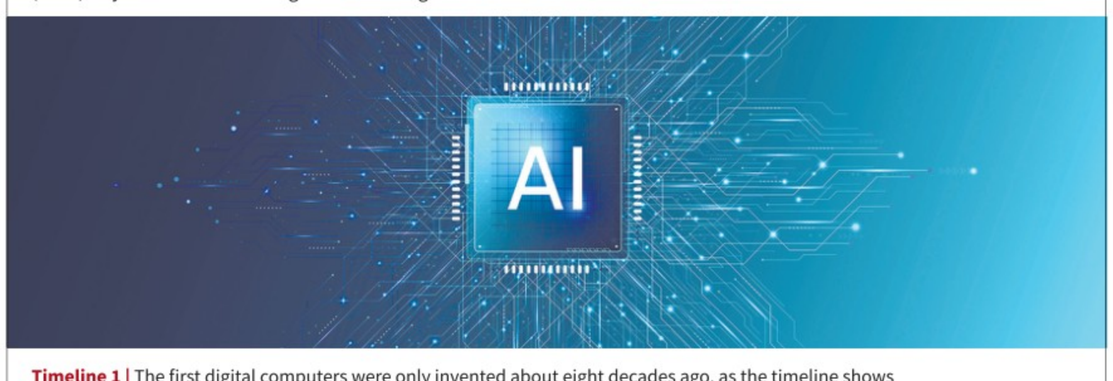
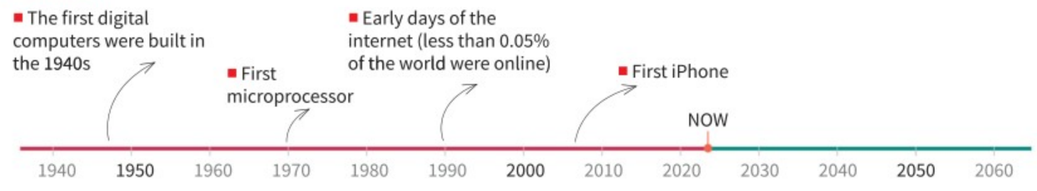
Age of bots

The timelines and images are sourced from Our World In Data. The website compiled the data for chart 3 from Kiela et. al (2021) - Dynabench: Rethinking Benchmarking in NLP



Timeline 1 | The first digital computers were only invented about eight decades ago, as the timeline shows



Timeline 2 | A timeline of notable artificial intelligence systems

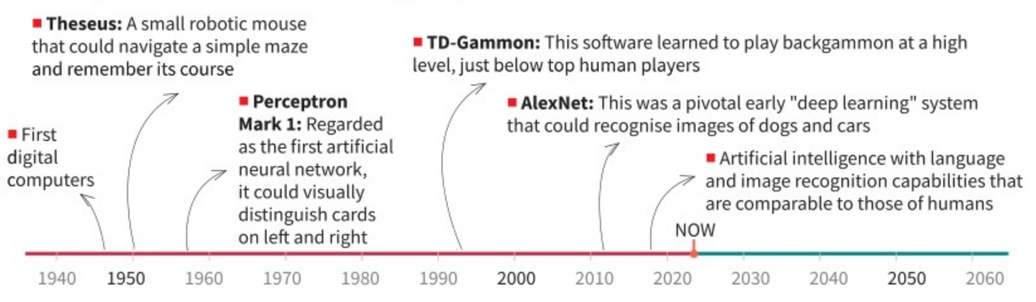

Theseus: A small robotic mouse that could navigate a simple maze and remember its course
TD-Gammon: This software learned to play backgammon at a high level, just below top human players
First digital computers
Perceptron Mark 1: Regarded as the first artificial neural network, it could visually distinguish cards on left and right
AlexNet: This was a pivotal early "deep learning" system that could recognise images of dogs and cars
Artificial intelligence with language and image recognition capabilities that are comparable to those of humans
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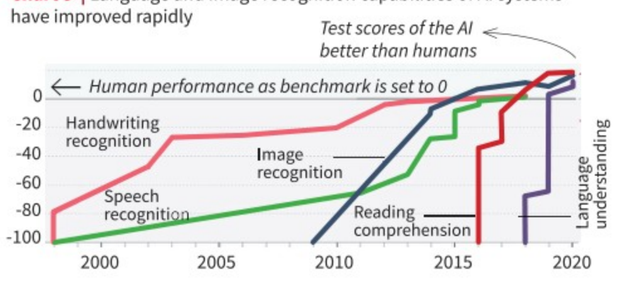
Chart 3 | Language and image recognition capabilities of AI systems have improved rapidly



This article draws on data and research discussed in Our World In Data's entry on Artificial Intelligence which can be accessed at ourworldindata.org/artificial-intelligence. The entry consists of a series of articles and an overview of AI-related metrics that monitors where we might be heading

Graphic 4: Timeline of images generated by artificial intelligence

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JANUARY 26, 1973

President asks Andhras to end violence

New Delhi, Jan. 25: The President, Mr. V.V. Giri, to-day made a fervent appeal to the people of Andhra Pradesh to desist from further violence and bring back life in the State to normalcy by resorting a calm atmosphere in the quickest possible time. In his broadcast to the nation on the eve of Republic Day, Mr. Giri stressed that the complex problems involving the future of the State called for the most careful considerations and they could be settled only through a "full, free and frank exchange" of all points of view without any pre-conditions or reservations. The President said: "It is only when all points of view are heard and differences ironed out dispassionately that we can arrive at a satisfactory and lasting solution to any problem." As an old trade unionist and negotiator of experience, as he described himself, Mr. Giri pointed out that he had constantly held that there was no such thing as the last word in negotiations. It was always open to the people to advocate a cause for finding a way out of any difficult situation. "In our system of Government," the President emphasised, "there is no question of any decision being arrived at through compulsion or coercion or under threat of force."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JANUARY 26, 1923

Nickel coins

Delhi, Jan. 24: In the Legislative Assembly today, there was no question for answer today, but one question was replied to, of which private notice had been given by Mr. K.N. Mitter drawing attention to the fact that for some days past in Delhi there have been rumours that four anna nickel pieces had been withdrawn from circulation and that the coins were being refused in the local market causing inconvenience to businessmen and citizens. He asked the Government to give authentic information on the point. Sir Basil Blackett welcomed the opportunity of contradicting the rumours that the four anna and eight anna nickel pieces had now been withdrawn from circulation, in local bazaar and stated that the position had now improved and the annas were being freely accepted. The Government had also asked local authorities to place placards in prominent places in the city contradicting the rumour.

From Page One

'Multiple languages and creeds essence of India'

"We have largely remained true to their expectations, and yet we realise that much remains to be done to realise Gandhiji's ideal of *sarvodaya*, the upliftment of all," she said.

Talking about India's emergence as the world's fifth largest economy in the backdrop of economic uncertainties created by COVID-19, the President asserted that the country had shaken off the effects of the pandemic that has now entered its fourth year.

"Most sectors of the economy have shaken off the pandemic effect. India has been among the fastest-growing major economies. This has been made possible by timely and pro-active interventions from the government. The 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative, in particular, has evoked great response among people at large," she said.

Reflecting on India's Presidency of the G-20, the President said it would be an opportunity to promote democracy and multilateralism, and would be the right forum for shaping a better future for the world. "As G-20 represents about two-thirds of the world population and around 85% of global GDP, it is an ideal forum to discuss and find solutions for global challenges. To my mind, global warming and climate change are the most pressing among them," she said. Ms. Murmu noted that tribal communities, in particular, have rich lessons to offer in many areas, from protecting the environment to crafting a more cohesive society. She also commended the Union government's approach to empowering women and marginalised communities, including the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Adani shares fall as short-seller flags its debt

The Adani Group dismissed the report terming it a "malicious combination of selective misinformation and stale, baseless and discredited allegations". "The timing of the report's publication clearly betrays a brazen, *mala fide* intention to undermine the Adani Group's reputation with the principal objective of damaging the upcoming follow-on Public Offering from Adani Enterprises," Group CFO Jugeshinder Singh said in a statement.

The group's flagship company Adani Enterprises is set to tap the market with a ₹20,000 crore follow-on public offering that opens to the public on January 27.

U.S., Germany to send battle tanks to Ukraine

The goal is for Germany and its allies to provide Ukraine with 88 of the German-made Leopards, which comprise two battalions.

"This is the result of intensive consultations, once again, with our allies and international partners," Mr. Scholz said in an address to German lawmakers. "It was right and it is important that we didn't let ourselves be driven [into making the decision]," he added.

It is not clear when or how the tanks would be delivered to Ukraine, or how soon they could have an impact on the battlefield. Military analysts have said Russian forces are thought to be preparing for a spring offensive. While Ukraine's supporters previously have supplied tanks, they were Soviet models in the stockpiles of countries that once were in Moscow's sphere of influence but are now aligned with the West.

Russia's Ambassador to Germany, Sergey Nechayev, called Berlin's decision to send Leopard 2 tanks to Ukraine "extremely dangerous".

India and Egypt ties elevated to a 'strategic partnership'

PM welcomes Egyptian President, who will be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations; scope for cooperation in relations, especially in fields of defence and security, is 'unlimited', he says

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India and Egypt agreed on Wednesday to elevate their bilateral ties to a 'strategic partnership' that covers political, security, defence, energy and economic linkages.

Welcoming Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, who will be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations on Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the abuse of cyberspace by extremist forces was a "growing threat", and that both sides agreed to intensify cooperation in this regard.

The two sides also discussed "platforms and equipment" to enhance defence partnership.

"India has invited Egypt as a special guest for the G-20 summit, which shows our special friendship. We have decided that under the India-Egypt strategic partnership, we will create a long-term structure of cooperation on political, security, economic and scientific areas," he said.

He added that the scope for cooperation in Indo-Egypt relations, especially in the fields of defence and security, was "unlimited".

Boosting the bond : Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Egypt President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi in New Delhi on Wednesday. ANI

Mr. Modi argued that "despite global changes", the India-Egypt relation had stayed on track and defence partnership between the two countries would help stabilise the region around the Arabian Sea.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who visited Cairo in October 2022, called on the visiting Egyptian leader and said the exchange "adds a new vigour" to the bilateral friendship.

In his remarks, President El Sisi said the relations between the two civilisations date back to antiquity, and said that Egypt wishes to welcome more Indian tourists.

The two teams signed five memorandums of understanding (MoU) covering culture, cooperation on youth matters, cybersecurity, information and technology, and public broadcasting. The two delegations launched a commemorative stamp to mark the 75th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic relation.

"I have requested Prime Minister Modi to create permanent channels to enhance digital connections between small and medium-scale industries, and that will help in improving life of common people. Defence cooperation was part of today's discussion and our joint military exercise is an example of that cooperation," Mr. El-Sisi said.

Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said the two sides took up sub-elements of defence cooperation like "defence training, defence exercises, cooperation both in the fields of platforms and equipment and industrial partnerships between the two countries to forge a stronger base for defence partnership".

He said Egypt is "among one of the key strategic partners of that region but we also enjoy strong and robust partnership with the region as a whole".

Mr. El-Sisi also invited Mr. Modi to visit Egypt. Mr. Kwatra said the Prime Minister's visit to Egypt will be a "priority".

Media Authority of Egypt, Prasar Bharati to exchange content

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India and Egypt sign pact to facilitate capacity building, co-productions between the two broadcasters

India and Egypt on Wednesday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to facilitate content exchange, capacity building, and co-productions between Prasar Bharati and National Media Authority of Egypt.

The agreement was signed by Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur and Sameh Hassan Shoukry, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Egypt, exchanged between the two countries in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Egyptian President Abdel Fateh el-Sisi following the delegation-level talks between the two.

"The MoU is part of the efforts by Prasar Bharati to expand the reach of DD India channel to showcase the country's progress through programmes focused on economy, technology, social development and also the rich cultural heritage," said a government statement.

Under its ambit, both the broadcasters will exchange their programmes of different genres like sports, news, culture, entertainment and many more areas on bilateral basis. The programmes will be broadcast on their radio and television platforms.

Valid for three years, the agreement will also facilitate co-productions and training of the officials of both the broadcasters in the latest technologies.

Prasar Bharati has 39 MoUs with foreign broadcasters for cooperation and collaboration in the field of broadcasting. They provide for exchange of programmes in the field of culture, education, science, entertainment, sports and news, among others. The MoUs also facilitate co-production opportunities related to themes of mutual interest and knowledge sharing through training, said the government.

Supreme Court to hear Rana Ayyub's plea on January 31

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked a Ghaziabad special judge in Uttar Pradesh to adjourn the summons proceedings scheduled against journalist Rana Ayyub on January 27 in a money laundering case.

A Bench of Justices Krishna Murari and V. Ramasubramanian listed Ms. Ayyub's writ petition for detailed hearing on January 31.

Ms. Ayyub has moved the Supreme Court challenging the jurisdiction of the Ghaziabad court, saying the alleged offence, if there is any, occurred in Mumbai.

The Bench made it clear that they had posted the case on January 31 owing to the paucity of time on Wednesday. The Supreme Court said its request to the Ghaziabad court to adjourn the hearing was not a reflection on the merits of the case against Ms. Ayyub.

Rana Ayyub

The Ghaziabad police had registered the case in September 2021 with respect to the money raised through fundraiser campaigns via an online crowdfunding platform, Ketto.

It was also alleged that Ms. Ayyub had received overseas donations without registration under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act.

Electoral reforms only after consultation with political parties, says Law Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rijiju said that consultations and discussions are a 'symbol' of a vibrant democracy

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on Wednesday said that any electoral reform would be carried out only after consultations with all stakeholders, including political parties.

His remarks come against the backdrop of the Election Commission deferring the demonstration of its recently developed prototype Remote Electronic Voting Machine (EVMs) after opposition from most political parties.

Mr. Rijiju said that the Law Ministry was in constant touch with the Election Commission for bringing forth electoral reforms like the recent amendment to the Act facilitating voter registration throughout the year.

Changes made in election laws a year ago have resulted in addition of over 1.5 crore new voters on the electoral list. Four cut-off dates instead of the one earlier has helped young eligible citizens to register as voters once they turn 18, the Minister said addressing the 13th National Voters Day celebrations here.

He said that consultations and discussions were a "symbol" of a vibrant democracy. Mr. Rijiju added that all the decisions were being taken after due consultation with support of all political parties. He said there were many unsung heroes like security forces in areas prone to violence who enabled the democratic process to move on in the country and they needed to be remembered.

President Droupadi Murmu observed that rural voters were more enthusiastic than their urban counterparts, and urged all citizens to consider voting as their contribution to nation-building.

It is a great achievement of our election process and our democracy that the active participation of women in the democratic process is continuously increasing, she added.

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said though electors in India had increased from about 17 crore in 1951 to over 94 crore now, many more are still left out. "The EC is committed to ensuring that those still left out are also able to vote and for this we need to complete electoral rolls," he said.

Amartya Sen flays letter by Visva-Bharati on land issue

Press Trust of India
KOLKATA

Lashing out at the Visva-Bharati for asking him to hand over parts of a plot he was allegedly occupying "unauthorisedly" at Santiniketan, Nobel laureate Amartya Sen on Wednesday said he did not understand why the Central university suddenly had become "so active" in trying to drive him out of that place.

A day after getting a letter from the varsity, he said he did not understand "the politics" behind the move. He asserted that most of the land he is holding on the Santiniketan campus was purchased from the market by his father while some other plots were taken on lease.

Mr. Sen said if the varsity thinks that the land belongs to it, the authorities should move court and he would give his reply there.

Second part of the BBC documentary 'The Modi Question' airs in the U.K.

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

The second part of a two-part controversial documentary series, *India: The Modi Question*, aired on Tuesday evening, examining the evolution of the Modi government's relationship with India's Muslims as well as communal relations in the country since 2014.

The government had denounced and banned the first part of the documentary, which aired last week in the U.K. and described a British government report that held Prime Minister Narendra Modi, then Chief Minister of Gujarat, responsible for the 2002 Gujarat riots. The government criticised the programme, saying it lacked objectivity, reflected a "continuing colonial mindset" and was "propaganda".

The second part, which aired on *BBC Two* at 9 p.m. local time, starts with a repeat of introductory scenes shown in part 1. The second episode seeks to trace the evolution of the relationship between the Modi government and India's Muslim minority. The series is sprinkled with graphic videos and images – starting with a 2017 lynching in Jharkhand.

Stronger mandate

It discusses the BJP's unprecedented victory in 2019 and what it means to have a government with a stronger mandate.

The series then moves to August 5, 2019, and the changes to the legal status of Jammu and Kashmir (i.e., the abrogation of Article 370). It shows scenes of what are described as protests in Jammu and Kashmir. There is then a discussion on the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), the anti-CAA protests and the riots in Delhi in 2020.

The episode includes scenes of security forces beating protesters who are lying semi-conscious and being forced to sing the national anthem, even as they plead that they are "*Bharatvasis*" (Indians).

There are interviews with protesters, families that have been detained under the NRC and the kin of those who died at the hands of the police in the Delhi violence of 2020.

There are also scenes from Mr. Modi's rally in Ahmedabad with then U.S. President Donald Trump in February 2020.

"Under Narendra Modi, India has been transformed. He remains enormously popular and hugely divisive," the narrator says towards the end of the program.

Subject of discussion

The documentary has become the subject of some discussion among U.K. lawmakers.

Uganda-born Indian origin peer in the House of Lords, Dolar Popat, wrote to the director-general of the BBC, Tim Davie, on Tuesday condemning the documentary as "one-sided" and asking him to stop the BBC from airing the program to "avoid exasperating [sic] the already tense situation" between British Hindus and Muslims. The "false representation has old wounds [sic] by creating hatred between British Hindus and Muslims by attempting to paint India as an intolerant nation where Muslims are persecuted", Mr. Popat said.

13 Jamia Millia students detained by police ahead of planned screening

Samridhi Tewari
NEW DELHI

A day after chaos erupted in Jawaharlal Nehru University over students watching the controversial BBC documentary about Prime Minister Narendra Modi, 13 students at Jamia Millia Islamia University were detained by police ahead of a screening of the documentary that was scheduled to be held on their campus on Wednesday evening.

Police personnel detain an SFI activist during a protest at Jamia Millia Islamia in New Delhi on Wednesday.PTI

The police said that no screening had taken place in Jamia. Deputy Commissioner of Police (South east) Esha Pandey said that 13 students were detained around 4 p.m. to ensure peace in the area, adding that the university administration had informed the police that students were found to be creating a ruckus in the area. Heavy police deployment was witnessed in the area ahead of Republic Day.

The JMI administration had warned that disciplinary action would be taken if the documentary was screened without permission.

According to the students, the screening was slated to begin at 6 p.m. near the A.J.K. Mass Communication Research Centre's lawns. However, entry to the lawns was denied by the administration.

The students had proposed to stage a protest at 4 p.m., for which permission was denied by the Delhi Police.

Some students raised slogans, and were then detained by the police.

JMI Vice-Chancellor Najma Akhtar told the *Press Trust of India*, "SFI wants to disturb peace on campus; will never allow this behaviour."

On Tuesday, chaos and violence erupted in parts of JNU, where students had gathered to watch the documentary on their mobile phones due to a power outage on campus.

On Wednesday, a senior police officer said that they had received two complaints at the Vasant Kunj North police station, one from the Left-linked JNU Students Union which had planned the screening and the other from the RSS-linked Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, both in connection with the incidents at JNU. The two parties both alleged that their members had been attacked.

No FIR has been registered yet.

Posthumous Padma Vibhushan for SP founder, ORS pioneer

The list of top civilian honours to recognise distinguished service includes nine Padma Bhushan and 91 Padma Shri awards; 19 of the 106 awards will go to women; seven are posthumous honours; personalities from poll-bound States feature on list

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Honour roll: Mulayam Singh Yadav and Dilip Mahalanabis

Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh, on the opposite side of the ideological spectrum to the BJP, architect Balkrishna Doshi and Dilip Mahalanabis, a doctor from West Bengal, will be honoured with the Padma Vibhushan posthumously, the country's second highest civilian award announced on the eve of Republic Day.

A citation said Dr. Dilip Mahalanabis popularised the use of Oral Rehydration Solution while serving at a refugee camp during the 1971 Bangladesh War.

Mr. Yadav, a socialist leader who passed away last year, was the founder of the Samajwadi Party and served thrice as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. Tabla maestro Zakir Hussain and veteran politician S.M. Krishna, who quit the Congress to join the Bharatiya Janata Party in Karnataka in 2017, were among those selected for the Padma Vibhushan. Mr. Krishna (90) earlier this month announced retirement from active politics.

The President of India has approved 106 Padma awards. The list comprises six Padma Vibhushan, nine Padma Bhushan and 91 Padma Shri awards. Nineteen of the awardees are women and the list includes seven honoured posthumously.

Personalities from poll-bound Tripura, Nagaland and Karnataka feature among the list of awardees.

Industrialist Kumar Mangalam Birla and Sudha Murty, chairperson of the Infosys Foundation, were honoured with the Padma Bhushan. Eight people from poll-bound Karnataka have been chosen for this year's awards, including Mr. Krishna and Kannada novelist S.L. Bhyrappa.

The 90-year-old Somanahalli Mallaiah Krishna, who has served in various positions including that of External Affairs Minister, Maharashtra Governor and Chief Minister of Karnataka, is credited with building Brand Bengaluru. Mr. Bhyrappa, one of the most celebrated and prolific novelists in Kannada, has been translated into nearly every Indian language, besides English.

Ramkuiwangbe Newme (75), a Naga social worker from Dima Hasao in Assam, won the Padma Shri.

Composer M.M. Keeravani, who recently won the Golden Globe, has also been recognised with the Padma Shri.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted, "Congratulations to those who have been conferred the Padma Awards. India cherishes their rich and varied contributions to the nation and their efforts to enhance our growth trajectory."

Online coverage
For full list of awards, go to bit.ly/padmahonour

412 gallantry awards and other defence decorations announced on eve of R-Day

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The honours include 6 Kirti Chakras, 15 Shaurya Chakras, 93 Sena Medals and 7 Vayu Sena Medals

President Droupadi Murmu has approved 412 gallantry awards and other defence decorations to armed forces personnel and others on the eve of the 74th Republic Day.

Major Shubhang and Naik Jitendra Singh will receive the Kirti Chakra while Commander Nishant Singh from the Navy, who lost his life in a MiG-29K fighter crash, will be remembered with the Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry).

The awards include six Kirti Chakras (four posthumous), 15 Shaurya Chakras (two posthumous), 93 Sena Medals (Gallantry) (four posthumous), one Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry) posthumous, seven Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry), 29 Param Vishisht Seva Medals, three Uttam Yudh Seva Medals, 53 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals, 10 Yudh Seva Medals, 40 Sena Medals (Devotion to Duty), 13 Nao Sena Medals (Devotion to Duty) (five of them posthumous), 14 Vayu Sena Medals (Devotion to Duty) and 128 Vishisht Seva Medals.

Two of the Kirti Chakras and seven of the Shaurya Chakras were for Army personnel. The President has also awarded one President's Tatrakshak Medal for distinguished service, three for gallantry and one for meritorious service to Indian Coast Guard personnel.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved 62 Mentioned in Despatches to armed forces personnel.

These include 55 Chief of Army Staff Recommendations: 27 for Operation Rakshak, 13 for Operation Snow Leopard, two for Operation Orchid, six for Operation Rhino, one for Operation Nongkee and six others. This also includes seven Chief of Air Staff Recommendations.

Major Shubhang is from the Dogra Regiment and was with 62 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) and Naik Jitendra Singh is from Rajput Regiment and with 44 RR. Their awards will recognise counterinsurgency operations in Kashmir.

CBI bags honour of 30 Police Medals

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation has bagged 30 President's Police Medals for Distinguished Service and Police Medals for Meritorious Service on the occasion of Republic Day.

Among those honoured with the medals for distinguished service are Joint Directors Viplav Kumar Choudhary and Sharad Agarwal; Additional Superintendents of Police Satya Narayan Jat and Thanglian Mang M.; and Head Constables Adu Ram and Goutam Chandra Das.

The medals for meritorious service have been given to Deputy Inspector General Gagandeep Gambhir, SP Pravin Mandloi, Additional SP Kaushal Kishore Singh, Deputy SPs Jagrup Singh, Darvin KJ, Bikash Chandra Chourasia, Javed Akhtar Ali, Kumar Abhishek, Manoj Kumar, Girish Soni, Jagadev Singh Yadav and Mukesh Kumar.

901 Police Medals to celebrate bravery, distinguished service

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A total of 901 police personnel will be honoured with Police Medals, a statement by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said on the eve of Republic Day.

The Police Medal for Gallantry (PMG) has been awarded to 140 police personnel, the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service (PPM) to 93 personnel, and the Police Medal for Meritorious Service (PM) to 668 personnel.

As many as 80 out of 140 gallantry awards have been conferred on police personnel deployed in areas affected by Left-wing extremism.

Gadchiroli encounter

As many as 19 Maharashtra Police personnel received gallantry medals for their bravery during the May 21, 2021 encounter in the Paidi forest area in Gadchiroli district, where 13 Maoist cadres, including a senior member Satish, were killed.

For their gallant action in the Jammu and Kashmir region, 45 personnel will be honoured.

Among those receiving gallantry awards, 48 are from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), 31 from Maharashtra Police, 25 from J&K Police, nine from Jharkhand Police, and seven each from Delhi Police, Chhattisgarh Police and the Border Security Force.

Unite to protect Constitution and face onslaught on judiciary: Kharge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, in an address on the eve of Republic Day, urged the country to stand united against the "onslaught on the judiciary". The comment comes against the backdrop of many adverse statements from Law Minister Kiren Rijiju against the collegium system.

Mallikarjun Kharge

Mr. Kharge said the Constitution was the foundation of Indian democracy but today it was "endangered". "Some people who never believed in the Indian Constitution, never respected it, spoke and acted against it are the ones busy weakening every constitutional institution," he said.

Mr. Kharge listed instances of what he termed unconstitutional acts of the government, including toppling government through the back-door and intimidating the Opposition by filing false cases.

"The Prime Minister and his government are not interested in anything other than speeches, campaigning and elections," he said.

Mr. Kharge said that next year, the country would celebrate the 75th anniversary of being a Constitutional Republic and that it was more important than ever to strengthen the Constitution and Constitutional institutions. "Stand against the onslaught on the judiciary," he said.

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1. Name of the Work : **Construction of Bridge over Indra River at 2/00 Km. on Jharnamal to Bhuipani via Deodhara (Komna Block) PS Road in the District of Nuapada.**
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3. Location details : **Nuapada District**
4. Estimated Cost : As per NIT
5. Period of Completion : As per NIT.
6. Cost of tender paper : **Rs.10,000/-** per set
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For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage Tender under two cover system through online only will be received upto **27.02.2023 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), Projects , Madurai Circle for the work of " Formation of two lane road at Pasumalai near Thiruparankundram in the Right Hand Side of **Varanasi Kanyakumari** road (Abandoned NH7) (State Highways Urban 101) **Madural- Thirumangalam reach at Km 2/550-3/750** running over the Thenkal Tank Bund near existing Road Over Bridge at Level Crossing No.370 (Length - 1.20 Km)" pertaining to Madurai (H),Projects Division.

Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **01.02.2023** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

(Rs. In Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		31.12.2022	31.12.2021	31.03.2022	31.12.2022	31.12.2021	31.03.2022
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total income from operations	505.45	427.17	1,836.86	8,485.93	6,930.64	25,625.15
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items)	27.01	9.44	177.89	442.60	369.46	1,196.15
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	48.32	20.23	2,300.49	463.20	379.80	1,184.20
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	34.18	16.36	2,276.69	288.86	253.21	824.49
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	34.33	16.80	2,273.57	373.32	268.78	824.30
6	Paid up Equity share capital (Face value of Rs.5/- each)	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	2,890.24	-	-	5,069.12
8	Security Premium Account	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42
9	Networth	3,005.41	2,263.89	2,893.66	5,459.03	4,379.15	4,950.88
10	Outstanding Debt (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	739.93	717.38	732.64	3,507.40	2,160.36	3,065.81
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Times) (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary, including exceptional items)	0.24	0.31	0.25	2.35	1.57	2.00
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Rs. 5/- each) (not annualised) (i) Basic (in Rs.) (ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	16.89 16.89	8.09 8.09	1,125.29 1,125.29	61.20 61.20	62.93 62.93	217.84 217.84
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	1.56	1.63	1.97	4.04	5.75	3.08
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	5.57	4.15	7.57	10.96	12.93	6.90
18	Current Ratio (Times)	1.04	1.00	0.98	1.07	1.19	0.93
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	4.60	4.06	5.79	2.83	1.55	3.69
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio (Times)	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Current liability ratio (Times)	0.60	0.59	0.62	0.55	0.57	0.63
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.33	0.40	0.38	0.58	0.42	0.57
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	6.82	6.96	6.74	20.31	18.70	19.89
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	2.97	2.37	2.58	10.03	8.73	9.06
25	Operating Margin (%)	12.14	10.74	13.25	8.49	11.67	11.68
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	3.61	1.30	8.39	3.23	3.44	3.27

Notes :
1 The Board at its meeting held today, declared an interim dividend of Rs.59/- per share (1180%) absorbing a sum of Rs.119 Cr. for the year 2022-23 and the same will be paid to those shareholders who hold shares in physical or in electronic form and whose names appear in the Register of Members and / or Depositories respectively, as at the close of working hours on 3rd February 2023 (Record Date).
2 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.sundaram-clayton.com).
3 The Company has prepared these standalone and consolidated financial results in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013.

For Sundaram-Clayton Limited

Date : 25th January 2023

R.Gopalan
Chairman

INBRIEF

Jal Jeevan mission provides tap water to 11 crore houses

The Jal Shakti Ministry on Wednesday tweeted that the government had provided 11 crore rural households with a tap water connection. Data from the Ministry suggest that 56% of the targeted 19.3 crore households had been covered. In September 2022, 53% of the households, or 10.2 crore households, had been covered. In villages where the Jal Jeevan Mission(JJM) has reached, the adolescent girls no longer drop out of school to help their mother walk long distances and get water to quench their thirst, Mr. Shekhawat said in a tweet. "It goes a long way in empowering and educating the girl child." Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the Ministry, via a tweet, on the achievement.

Minor millets may receive Centre's 'benchmark price'

Considering the increase in the cultivation of millets, the Centre may soon announce a benchmark price for minor millets produced in various States. The Centre said it would help States to procure and distribute millets through the public distribution system. At present, millets such as jowar, bajra and ragi are procured by nine States with the minimum support price announced by the Centre. Minor millets are not procured at the moment. Additional Secretary in the Food Ministry Subodh Kumar Singh said procurement of millets with MSP was increasing. "We want the production of minor millets to increase. If the benchmark price is assured, we hope their production will increase," he said.

Private firms to be part of Monument Mitra scheme

The Monument Mitra scheme, which entails adopting a heritage site and maintaining it, will soon be revamped to enable private firms, to partner for the upkeep of 1,000 ASI monuments. The scheme was launched a few years ago under the Ministry of Tourism and recently transferred to the Ministry of Culture, Union Culture Secretary Govind Mohan said. "Our target is to have MoUs signed with partners for 500 sites under the revamped Monument Mitra scheme by August 15 when the *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav* ends," he said. The revamped scheme would be based on the Corporate Social Responsibility model and a new website would be launched.

SC to release judgments in 13 Indian languages on R-Day

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Wednesday announced in open court that the Supreme Court will release 1,268 judgments in 13 Indian languages on Republic Day in a bid to make justice administration more accessible to the common man. "To begin with, we have translated 1,091 judgments to Hindi, 21 to Odia, 14 Marathi, four Assamese, one Garo, 17 Kannada, one Khasi, 29 Malayalam, three Nepali, four Punjabi, 52 Tamil, 28 Telugu and three Urdu," the CJI addressed the courtroom. The judgments would be made available in the court's e-SCR portal. The portal which is the repository of the electronic version of Supreme Court Reports (SCR) now has some additional features too.

Pakistan Prime Minister to be invited for SCO summit

Bilawal and Qin Gang invited for Ministers' meeting; events assume significance as they will bring Pakistani leadership to India after a decade and Chinese and Russian leadership in the same year

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

India has invited Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Ministers meeting likely to be held in Goa in early May, officials confirmed on Wednesday.

Invitations for the SCO summit, expected to be held in June, will also go out to Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif shortly.

The dates and venues for both meetings were discussed during the third meeting of the SCO coordinators in Varanasi on January 17, and previous meetings held in Delhi, led by Indian SCO national coordinator Yojna Patel. Pakistan's SCO national coordinator took part in the Varanasi meeting virtually.

While invitations for the SCO summit are considered routine as India is chairing the SCO grouping this year, the events gain significance as they will bring the Pakistani leadership to India after a decade.

They will also bring the Chinese and Russian leadership to India in the same year, as they are also invited for the G-20 events.

India has already invited all G-20 Foreign Ministers to the meeting on March 1 and 2, following which they have been invited to attend the annual MEA Raisina Dialogue conference.

China's newly appointed Foreign Minister Qin Gang is due to visit Delhi for both the G-20 and, subsequently, the SCO meeting, as is Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who was last here in March 2021.

Common ground: India has already invited all G-20 Foreign Ministers to the meeting on March 1-2. FILE PHOTO

India and China have had very few bilateral meetings since the 2020 stand-off at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) began.

All eyes will also be on the acceptance of Russian President Vladimir Putin to attend either the SCO summit expected in June, or the G-20 summit slated for September, amidst the war in Ukraine.

Pak. word awaited

Officials said that the SCO Ministers meet invitation was delivered to the Pakistani Foreign Ministry, but it is still unclear whether it would be accepted.

Last month, India had protested Mr. Bhutto's derogatory comments about Mr. Modi, when he called the Prime Minister the "butcher of Gujarat", after he and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar traded charges on terrorism on the sidelines of UN events in New York.

Manik Sarkar, Badal Chowdhury not to contest Tripura poll

Syed Sajjad Ali
AGARTALA

Left allots 13 seats to the Congress, which for the first time will be its coalition partner

Manik Sarkar, Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) Polit Bureau member and Chief Minister for 20 years, will not contest the Tripura Assembly election due on February 16. The party also dropped veteran leader and former Minister Badal Choudhury owing to health considerations.

Senior leaders of the State's Left Front constituents as well as the CPI(M) released a list of 47 candidates here on Wednesday evening. The Left Front has allotted 13 seats to the Congress, which for the first time will be its coalition partner in the Assembly election.

The Congress is expected to announce its list of candidates tomorrow. Differences had earlier cropped up between the CPI(M) and the Congress over seat-sharing arithmetic, forcing the cancellation of a scheduled press conference here on Tuesday.

CPI(M) State secretary Jitendra Chowdhury will contest from the Sabroom constituency in south Tripura, an unreserved general seat.

Left Front leaders addressed a press conference and said eight legislators who won in the 2018 Assembly election had not been nominated.

Of the 47 seats of the Left Front, the CPI(M) will put up candidates in 43 and the Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP), the Communist Party of India (CPI) and the Forward Bloc in one each, and there will be one Independent candidate – lawyer and human rights activist Purushottam Roy Barman, who has been nominated in the Ramnagar constituency of the State capital.

S. Muralidhar may continue as Orissa HC Chief Justice

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Collegium on Wednesday recalled its September 28, 2022 recommendation to elevate Justice Jaswant Singh as Orissa High Court Chief Justice.

The Collegium's reconsideration of its own four-month-old recommendation gives an indication that the current Orissa Chief Justice Dr. S. Muralidhar may continue in the post at least for now.

Justice S. Muralidhar was recommended for transfer as Madras High Court Chief Justice on September 28 last year by a Supreme Court Collegium led by then Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit. The Lalit Collegium may have intended Justice Singh to replace Justice Muralidhar as Orissa High Court Chief Justice.

However, after a gap of four months, the Collegium led by Justice Lalit's successor and current Chief Justice of India, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, on Wednesday proposed Justice Singh to be transferred to Tripura as Chief Justice of the High Court in that State.

The Collegium recalled its earlier suggestion to elevate Jaswant Singh as the Orissa High Court Chief Justice.

In fact, on October 11, the government had bifurcated the Collegium file recommending the transfers of Justices Muralidhar and Pankaj Mithal. It had notified the transfer of Justice Mithal to Rajasthan, but had remained silent about the collegium proposal to shift Justice Muralidhar to Madras High Court.

On December 13, Justice Mithal was recommended by the collegium for appointment as a Supreme Court judge along with four other High Court Chief Justices. Justice Muralidhar was not one of them.

RSS makes fresh minority outreach, key leaders meet Muslim representatives

Ziya Us Salam
NEW DELHI

Muslim community representatives raised issues like hate speech, lynching and 'bulldozer politics'

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) is not giving up on the Muslim community just yet. Keeping the back channels of communication open, senior RSS leaders Indresh Kumar, Ram Lal, and Krishna Gopal held a three-hour closed-door meeting with the Muslim leadership at the residence of former Lieutenant-Governor Najeeb Jung in New Delhi recently. As part of the deliberations, there were representatives of prominent Muslim bodies, Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind and Ajmer dargah's Salman Chishti.

The meeting was a sequel to an interaction in August last year when RSS supremo Mohan Bhagwat met Mr. Jung, S.Y. Quraishi, former Election Commissioner, Saeed Sherwani, a hotelier, and Shahid Siddiqui, renowned journalist, Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) leader and former MP. They were present this time too.

The RSS leaders felt it was important to send "a larger positive message" to the nation through "continued dialogue". They also sought to dispel Muslim fears about Mr. Bhagwat's recent interview where he is reported to have spoken about the community's "boisterous rhetoric of supremacy".

One step at a time

The Muslim leadership, it seems, is taking it one step at a time. An initial proposal to send the top leaders of Muslim bodies, including Arshad Madani, Mahmood Madani and Sadatullah Hussaini, for the deliberations was rejected in an earlier informal meet at Mr. Siddiqui's residence. "It was felt that at this stage senior leaders but not necessarily the presidents of Muslim bodies, meet the RSS representatives," a participant stated. Consequently, Malik Mohtasim Khan represented the Jamaat while the two factions of Jamiat were represented by Niaz Faruqi and Fazlur Rahman.

The Muslim representatives raised questions about hate speech, lynching and "bulldozer politics" as the Jamaat-e-Islami's senior leader Mr. Khan, put it. "A need was felt to continue dialogue. There was a consensus on it from both the parties," Mr. Khan said.

The RSS-Muslims interaction comes around the time Prime Minister Narendra Modi made overtures towards the community by asking the BJP leaders to have a dialogue with Pasmanda, Bohra and educated Muslims.

The Prime Minister also asked the cadre to desist from making hate speeches towards Muslim members or target any films. It was a thinly veiled reference to Hindi film *Pathaan*, starring Shah Rukh Khan. The film has been frequently criticised by members of the right wing.

SC grants interim bail to Ashish Mishra for 8 weeks

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted interim bail for eight weeks to Ashish Mishra, son of a Union Minister and prime accused in the Lakhimpur Kheri killings case, even as it described the crime as "ghastly" and "unfortunate".

The FIR registered against these four accused is seen as a "counter case" filed by the Uttar Pradesh police to provide a "diametrically opposite" narrative.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and J.K. Maheswari took *suo motu* cognisance of the "state" of the four undertrials, calling them "poor farmers". The order to release the four men on interim bail is despite the fact that their bail applications are actually pending before the Allahabad High Court.

Pronouncing the order for the Bench, Justice Kant directed that Mr. Mishra, instead of getting regular bail, should be released on interim bail initially for eight weeks.

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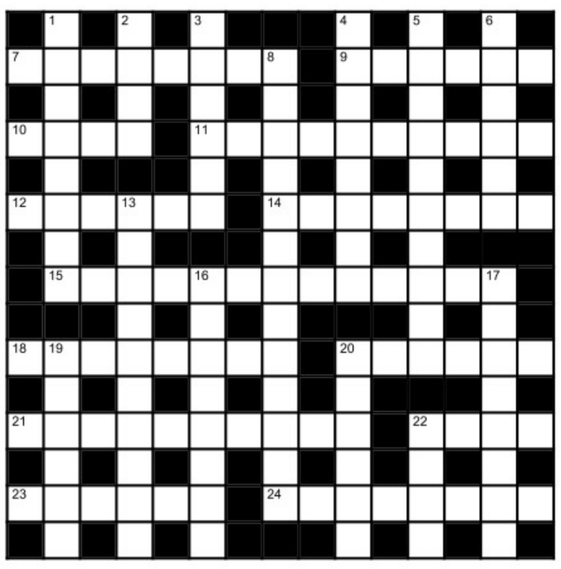

Across

7 Showcased Lucknowi clothes from behind road with no other outlet (3-2-3)
9 Sister cycling in boxer's rings (6)
10 Lake in lush place (4)
11 Recollect secret port's encrypted (10)
12 Read about rupee getting firm (6)
14 Discourses involving relationship in working society (8)
15 Is oat chip healthy plant food? (9,4)
18 Wedding vows recalled in saga containing many parts (8)
20 Drink sadly on vacation, drowning husband by mistake (6)
21 Spooner's leading lady missing in imdb.com, say (6,4)
22 Founder's flag (4)
23 Writer starts to plagiarise every new chapter in library (6)
24 He and I dash, sent away behind the Spanish (8)

Down

1 Period lost with flu spreading at the start of pandemic (4,4)
2 Modify diet or change (4)
3 Bird rising thus before fiery end (6)
4 Some feeding a dog a dodgy Asian dish (4-4)
5 Putin tried fighting with Europe to camouflage Russian leader's lack of skill (10)
6 The French study backs fine perfume bottle (6)
8 Throw out and catch these to avoid wasting time (3,2,3,5)
13 Mutating insects are fighting (10)
16 Senior setter, frequently at play passionately (8)
17 Picking up rule, engineer gets nth power (8)
19 President strayed? It's documented (6)
20 Say Sushmita's packing to marry in country (6)
22 King lost in search for maiden to appear (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Basant Panchmi celebration

Basant Panchmi is commemorated on the 'Magh Sud' that is the 'fifth day of the bright lunar fortnight (Sukla Paksha) of the month of Magha in our lunisolar calendar.' Basant Panchmi has both cultural and religious import. It is the festival of Saraswati, the Goddess of knowledge, music, art, aesthetics. In the Shanti Parv of the Mahabharata she is called the mother of Vedas. She removes ignorance nescience and darkness infusing warmth brightness, and luminescence, melody, harmony, purity, and delight. As such it is a festival for not only Punjabis, but also to all who believe in a higher power, said Professor Kumool Abbi in a lecture.

In Punjab, Basant Panchmi heralds the process of the end of winter and the beginning of spring. For farmers, it signifies a preparation and readiness for the harvesting of the crops. The yellow mustard flowers are in full bloom and with their brightness they engulf the positivity of the human spirit. The occasion is celebrated with sounds of dhol, the pulsating bhangra, flying of colorful kites, the making of yellow rice and wearing yellow clothes, signifying auspiciousness. The Guru Granth Sahib says '*Aaj hamare grah basant*', meaning, 'today is springtime and I am imbibed with the deep crimson hue of Lord's divine love'.

In Punjab, the Dukh Nivaran Sahib Gurdwara at Patiala and Chheharta Sahib Gurdwara at Amritsar are significant for the commemoration of Basant Panchmi. In the past, it also had a special significance at Lahore where a fair patronised by Maharaja Ranjit Singh was held at the memorial of Bhai Haqiqat Rai, a Sikh who was martyred on Basant Panchmi day in 1734, for speaking up for Hindus.

WELLINGTON

Jacinda Ardern replaced by Chris Hipkins as New Zealand PM

AFP

Hundreds gathered to applaud Jacinda Ardern as she left New Zealand's Parliament to resign as Prime Minister on Wednesday, before Chris Hipkins was swiftly sworn in as her replacement. Mr. Hipkins, while being sworn in by Governor-General Cindy Kiro, said he was "energised and excited by the challenges ahead". AFP

JOHANNESBURG

Hundreds protest prolonged energy crisis in South Africa

AFP

Hundreds of people took to the streets in Johannesburg on Wednesday to protest a prolonged energy crisis causing record power cuts in South Africa. The demonstrators gathered in the centre of the financial capital to march on the headquarters of the ruling African National Congress party. AFP

PYONGYANG

North Korea locks down capital over 'respiratory illness': report

AP

North Korea has ordered a five-day lockdown in the capital over "respiratory illness", a report said on Wednesday, in what appears to be the first citywide restrictions since August 2022. Residents of Pyongyang have been ordered to stay in their homes from Wednesday to Sunday, Seoul-based *NK News* reported. AFP

JERUSALEM

Israeli troops kill Palestinian after attempted stabbing in West Bank

AFP

Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian in the occupied West Bank on Wednesday, Palestinian officials said, the latest death in a surge of violence. The Israeli military said the Palestinian tried to stab a soldier. The Palestinian Health Ministry identified the man shot as Aref Abdel Nasser Lahlouh, 20. AP

Ukraine 'sincerely grateful' to Germany for battle tanks

Spain says it is ready to send some of its German-built Leopards to Kyiv; Moscow warns against U.S. sending tanks to Ukraine, says it would be 'a blatant provocation against the Russian Federation'

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Wednesday thanked German Chancellor Olaf Scholz for Berlin's decision to deliver powerful Leopard tanks and grant approval for other countries to send some from their own stocks.

"German main battle tanks, further broadening of defence support and training missions, green light for partners to supply similar weapons. Just heard about these important and timely decisions in a call with Olaf Scholz," Mr. Zelensky said on Twitter, adding that he was "sincerely grateful to the Chancellor and all our friends".

Mr. Scholz, who had faced fierce accusations of dithering over whether to send the tanks, decided to send 14 Leopard-2 tanks and allow other countries to re-export German-built tanks to Ukraine.

Bolstering fight: Berlin has decided to send 14 Leopard-2 tanks to Ukraine in its first batch. AFP

The Kremlin warned on Wednesday that if Western countries supply Ukraine with heavy tanks they will be destroyed on the battlefield. "These tanks burn like all the rest. They are just very expensive," Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

Kremlin's warning

The Kremlin's warning came as a Moscow-backed official said Russian forces had advanced in Bakhmut, a town in eastern Ukraine that Russia has been trying to capture for months.

Amid the fierce fighting in eastern Ukraine, Kyiv and several of its allies have been urging Germany for weeks to allow the delivery of the Leopards, but a U.S.-led meeting of Kyiv's allies in Germany last week failed to yield a decision.

After Berlin made the announcement, European leaders welcomed the decision.

Spain said it was ready to send some of its German-made Leopard tanks to bolster Ukraine's fight. "Spain is ready... to deal with our allies in any way necessary, whether that means sending Leopards, training in the use of Leopards or help in their maintenance and upkeep," Defence Minister Margarita Robles said.

Russia's ambassador to the United States, Anatoly Antonov, responded to reports about Washington potentially sending battle tanks by saying such a move would show "the real aggressor in the current conflict".

"If the United States decides to supply tanks, it will be impossible to justify such step using arguments about 'defensive weapons'," he said, according to a post on the Russian Embassy's official Facebook page.

"This would be another blatant provocation against the Russian Federation."

Kyiv admits pullout from Soledar town

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukraine's military conceded on Wednesday that its troops had pulled out of town of Soledar in the eastern Donetsk region, which Russian forces said they captured earlier this month.

"After months of heavy fighting, the Armed Forces of Ukraine left [Soledar] and retreated along the outskirts to pre-prepared positions," said military spokesperson Sergiy Cherevaty.

Mr. Cherevaty did not disclose when Ukrainian troops had withdrawn from Soledar.

The Russian mercenary group Wagner, which claimed to have spearheaded the offensive for Soledar, said it had captured the town on January 11 this year.

Ukraine toughens penalty for desertion from Army

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Wednesday signed a controversial law toughening punishments for disobedience or desertion from the armed forces amid Russia's invasion.

Stronger sanctions will also apply to offences such as threatening commanders, fleeing the battlefield, or consuming alcohol, according to the law published on the Ukrainian Parliament's website.

The new law also prohibits courts from giving reduced or suspended sentences to soldiers found guilty. Soldiers could face up to 12 years in prison for desertion, up to 10 years for disobedience or refusal to fight, and up to seven years for threatening a superior. The text was criticised by human rights activists had called on the President not to sign the measure, which was passed by Parliament in December.

Bound by law: Ukrainian soldiers could face up to 12 years in prison for desertion. GETTY IMAGES

A petition against the law, published on the presidency's website in December, gathered almost 35,000 signatures.

"Instead of thanking soldiers, who have held off a full-scale Russian invasion for almost a year and successfully implemented operations to liberate the territory, we get jail time for the slightest disagreement or remark to commanders," the petition said.

The head of Ukraine's armed forces Valery Zaluzhny then defended the Bill. "The Army is based on discipline," Mr. Zaluzhny said.

Pak. arrests senior leader from Imran Khan's party

Associated Press
ISLAMABAD

Police in Pakistan arrested early on Wednesday a senior leader of former Prime Minister Imran Khan's political party on charges of threatening the chief of the elections overseeing body and other government officials.

The arrest of Fawad Chaudhry is a major setback for the party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, in which he serves as vice president.

Pope criticises laws that criminalise homosexuality

Associated Press
VATICAN CITY

Pope Francis criticised laws that criminalise homosexuality as "unjust," saying God loves all his children just as they are and called on Catholic bishops who support the laws to welcome LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) people into the church.

Pope Francis acknowledged that Catholic bishops in some parts of the world support laws that criminalise homosexuality or discriminate against the

Catholic teaching holds that homosexual acts are 'intrinsically disordered'

LGBTQ community, and he himself referred to the issue in terms of "sin." But he attributed such attitudes to cultural backgrounds, and said bishops in particular need to undergo a process of change to recognize the dignity of everyone.

"These bishops have to have a process of conversion," he said, adding that they should apply "tenderness, please, as God has for each one of us."

On Tuesday, Pope Francis said there needed to be a distinction between a crime and a sin with regard to homosexuality. "It's not a crime. Yes, but it's a sin," he said. Catholic teaching holds that while gay people must be treated with respect, homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered."

Pope Francis has not changed that teaching, but he has made reaching out to the LGBTQ community a hallmark of his papacy.

Earth's inner core rotating slower: study

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Earth's inner core, a hot iron ball the size of Pluto, has stopped spinning faster than the planet's surface and might now be rotating slower than it, research suggested on Monday.

Roughly 5,000 kilometres below the surface we live on, this "planet within the planet" can spin independently because it floats in the liquid metal outer core.

New research published in the journal Nature Geoscience analysed seismic waves from repeating earthquakes over the last six decades.

"We believe the inner core rotates, relative to the Earth's surface, back and forth, like a swing," the study's authors, Xiaodong Song and Yi Yang of China's Peking University, said.

The inner core started rotating slightly faster than the rest of the planet in the early 1970s.

But it had been slowing down before coming in sync with Earth's rotation around 2009, it said.

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INBRIEF

Job layoff threat worries one in 4 Indians: Kantar survey

Every one in four Indians is concerned about the threat of job loss while three out of four are worried about rising inflation; yet half of them believe the economy will grow in 2023, according to a survey by marketing data and analytics firm Kantar. In its India Union Budget survey, Kantar found consumers expect policy changes with respect to income tax, with an increase in basic income tax exemption limit from the current ₹2.5 lakh being the most common expectation. PTI

Norway fund drops China firm, BEL over Myanmar weapons

Norway's sovereign wealth fund, the world's biggest, has excluded two firms from China and India for selling weapons to Myanmar, the Norwegian central bank said. The fund divested from AviChina Industry & Technology and Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL) due to the "unacceptable risk that the companies are selling weapons to a State that uses these weapons in ways that constitute serious and systematic breaches of the international rules on conduct of hostilities." AFP

TVS Credit Services Q3 net surges 75% to ₹97.97 crore

Non-banking finance company TVS Credit Services Ltd. has reported a net profit of ₹97.97 crore for October-December, the company said. The city-based company, a part of the TVS Group, reported a net profit of ₹55.88 crore during the year-earlier period. Net profit for the nine-month period ended December 31, was at ₹278 crore (₹58 crore). Total income during Q3 went up to ₹1,094.13 crore (₹723.60 crore). PTI

Banks may raise deposit rates to compete with small savings: RBI

Returns for the Oct.-Dec. 2022 quarter were 44-77 bps lower than the formula-determined rates, the RBI said in its October bulletin, though it doesn't share details in its latest release on exactly how the revised rates square up with the formula

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The rate increases on some small savings schemes for this quarter could make it tougher for banks to raise deposits and compel them to lift rates, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said.

For the January-March 2023 quarter, the government has raised interest rates on eight of 12 small savings instruments, including a minimal 20 basis points (bps) increase for the National Savings Certificate and Kisan Vikas Patra and a 110 bps higher return on one-, two- and three-year time deposits. One basis point equals 0.01%.

Tough competition
Central bank reiterates concerns about impact of high small savings rates on bank deposit rates

- In 2021, the RBI had flagged this issue four times in its bulletins, stressing this was affecting monetary transmission as well as making it tough for banks to raise retail deposits
- Small savings rates were higher than formula-based rates at the time, but the cycle had turned in 2022

Returns on the Public Provident Fund and the Sukanya Samriddhi Account scheme were left unchanged at 7.1% and 7.6%, prevalent since April 2020. Interest rates on small savings schemes are fixed on a quarterly basis with a spread of 0-100 bps over and above the yields on government securities of comparable maturities.

The returns for the October-December 2022 quarter were 44-77 bps lower than the formula-determined rates, the RBI had said in its October bulletin.

The PPF and the Sukanya Samriddhi scheme should have earned 7.72% and 8.22%, respectively, in the previous quarter, the central bank said.

No data for comparison

Though the RBI has not elaborated on how the revised small savings rates square up with the formula-based returns in its latest bulletin, the central bank reiterated concerns about the implication of the increase for banks.

"The increase in rates on small savings schemes may pose competition to banks for raising deposits, and banks may be prompted to further increase retail deposit rates," it observed.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	60,205	-1.27
US Dollar	81.65	-0.02
Gold	56,972	-0.43
Brent oil	86.63	-1.16

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3388.95	-53.05
Adani Ports	713.15	-48.05
Apollo Hosp	4224.35	-80.65
Asian Paints	2775.00	-35.60
Axis Bank	892.35	-17.85
Bajaj Auto	3717.40	30.90
Bajaj Finserv	1314.35	-18.35
Bajaj Finance	5795.90	-59.15
Bharti Airtel	776.50	0.85
BPCL	346.75	-2.20
Britannia Ind	4388.15	-7.90
Cipla	1035.25	-26.90
Coal India	226.15	-1.45
Divis Lab	3335.70	-20.35
Dr Reddys Lab	4200.95	-51.80
Eicher Motors	3213.85	-12.70
Grasim Ind	1593.75	-9.45
HCL Tech	1122.75	-15.10
HDFC	2710.60	-64.80
HDFC Bank	1648.65	-46.85
HDFC Life	585.05	-4.50
Hero MotoCorp	2785.00	13.10
Hindalco	489.10	4.45
Hind Unilever	2622.35	21.85
ICICI Bank	855.30	-15.45
IndusInd Bank	1156.15	-56.15
Infosys	1543.00	-8.90
ITC	339.25	0.30
JSW Steel	724.65	2.60
Kotak Bank	1749.80	-10.45
L&T	2174.70	-32.80
M&M	1311.50	-12.40
Maruti Suzuki	8784.10	85.30
NestleIndia	19235.50	-55.20
NTPC	165.90	-0.15
ONGC	152.45	0.30
PowerGrid Corp	219.40	-1.55
Reliance Ind	2382.55	-33.40
SBI Life	1257.45	-15.80
State Bank	568.70	-25.65
Sun Pharma	1040.05	-0.65
TataConsumerProduct	740.05	-0.85
Tata Motors	419.05	-3.10
Tata Steel	121.00	0.60
TCS	3429.75	-6.55
Tech Mahindra	1051.15	-19.45
Titan	2356.60	-14.15
UltraTech Cement	6705.10	-104.60
UPL	737.95	-8.00
Wipro	401.55	-5.05

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on January 25

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.39	81.71
Euro	88.44	88.79
British Pound	100.10	100.49
Japanese Yen (100)	62.57	62.81
Chinese Yuan	12.00	12.05
Swiss Franc	88.22	88.57
Singapore Dollar	61.80	62.06
Canadian Dollar	60.82	61.09
Malaysian Ringitt	19.09	19.19
Australian Dollar	57.69	57.92

Source:Indian Bank

'Freeze import duties, reduce customs slabs'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The suggestions will prepare India to meet the challenging global economic environment

The government should not make any changes in the customs duties for at least five years with a view to promoting domestic manufacturing, economic think tank GTRI said on Wednesday in its pre-Budget recommendations.

The Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) also suggested retaining import duty on components; removal of inverted duty issues; and reduction of customs duty slabs to 5 from 25 at present to avoid confusion and minimise litigation. These suggestions will prepare India adequately to meet the challenging global economic environment, it said.

India should announce a five-year duty freeze in the backdrop of countries worldwide having turned inwards to brace for the tough global conditions.

Kishore Biyani

Kishore Biyani exits Future Retail's board

Reuters
BENGALURU

Debt-ridden Future Retail Ltd. said Kishore Biyani had resigned as the executive chairman and director of the company, effective January 23.

Tata Motors turns Q3 profit of ₹2,960 crore

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Tata Motors Ltd. reported third-quarter consolidated net profit of ₹2,957.71 crore compared with a loss of ₹1,516.14 crore in the year-earlier period.

The company attributed the profit to rising demand for all its products. It reported profit in the most recently ended quarter for the first time in two years.

Total revenue from operations rose 22.5% to ₹88,488.59 crore.

JLR revenue grew 28% to £6 billion reflecting better supplies, strong model mix and pricing, according to a filing. Tata Commercial Vehicles' revenue climbed 22.5% to ₹16,900 crore. Tata Passenger Vehicles' revenue jumped 37% to ₹11,700 crore, reflecting higher volumes and realisations.

Dr. Reddy's Q3 net surges on U.S., Russia

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

New products, increase in volumes and favourable forex movement enhanced the performance

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories on Wednesday reported consolidated net profit increased more than 75% year-on-year to ₹1,243.9 crore in the December quarter aided by a robust growth in the key North America as well as Russia markets for its generics.

New products, increase in volumes and a favourable forex movement were behind the improved performance, the firm said.

While gains in North America were partly offset by price erosion, in the Russia business an increase in prices, besides the volume, contributed to the growth.

The surge in net profit came on a 30% rise in net sales to ₹6,635.3 crore. Total income at ₹6,848.5 crore was 27% higher, according to the results prepared as per Indian Accounting Standards. Shares of DRL closed 1.11% lower at ₹4,204.55 apiece on the BSE.

Shanthi Gears Q3 net grows 29%; interim dividend at ₹3

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Murugappa group company Shanthi Gears Ltd. standalone net profit for the quarter ended December grew 29% to ₹18 crore compared with a year earlier.

Revenue from operations rose 21% to ₹115 crore, the firm said in a filing.

The company generated free cash flow of ₹6.5 crore and had an order book worth ₹120 crore, according to the filing.

The company's board declared an interim dividend of ₹3 per share.

Indian Bank Q3 net profit climbs twofold

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Indian Bank standalone net profit for the quarter ended December has more than doubled to ₹1,396 crore from the year-earlier period on account of an increase in net interest income, credit growth and better asset quality.

"The bank is in a better financial health, well capitalised and the asset quality is continuously improving," said Shanti Lal Jain, MD & CEO.

"We have done well in all parameters. Slippages has been coming down quarter on quarter, while cash recoveries are up. In the last nine months, we have made cash recoveries of ₹6,500 crore against the target of ₹8,000 crore."

Net interest income rose 25% to ₹5,499 crore. Gross non-performing assets (GNPAs) as percentage of gross advances slid to 6.53% from 9.13%. Net NPAs fell to 1% (2.72%).

Shanti Lal Jain

Sundaram Clayton Q3 net more than doubles

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Sundaram-Clayton's standalone net profit for the third quarter more than doubled to ₹34 crore from the year-earlier period.

Revenue from operations rose to ₹503 crore from ₹427 crore, the company said in a filing.

The result included an exceptional item viz. interest income of ₹25.61 crore and one-time cost associated with voluntary separations of ₹4.30 crore. The board declared an interim dividend of ₹59 per share.

'Rising cost of data, a matter of concern'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Rising prices of data and devices are a concern for the rapid proliferation of digitisation, said Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar.

The comments have come in the backdrop of a rise of about 57% in the minimum monthly recharge plan by the country's second-largest telecom firm Bharti Airtel.

The Minister said he was not exactly aware of the rise in mobile services rates by Bharti Airtel and the Ministry may approach telecom regulator TRAI to examine if the increase was going to have a short-term or long-term impact.

He said there had been an impact on prices across the world due to the Russia-Ukraine war and the impact of data price needs to be examined.

Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Sport

Netherlands vs. Croatia, Spain vs. Italy in Nations League semis

Associated Press
NYON

Host Netherlands will play Croatia in the UEFA Nations League semifinals after the draw was made on Wednesday.

The Dutch, under new coach Ronald Koeman, will face Croatia on June 14 in Rotterdam. In the other semifinal, Spain will play European champion Italy on June 15 in Enschede.

The final and the third-place game are both scheduled on June 18.

The final, played every two years, was won by host Portugal in 2019 and France in 2021 in Italy.

It's La Reina vs. Trevalius in the Bangalore Derby

BENGALURU: La Reina and Trevalius may fight out the finish of the Wolf777 Bangalore Derby (2,400m), the stellar attraction of the races to be held here on Thursday (Jan. 26). There will be no false rails.

1 TOTALIZATOR CUP (DIV. III), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 1-00 p.m.: 1. Empire Of Dreams (8) Trevor 60, 2. Able One (3) B.L. Paswan 59.5, 3. Mighty Swallow (6) Sandesh 58, 4. The Republic Power (4) Sai Kiran 59, 5. Born Dancer (2) R. Pradeep 58.5, 6. Empress Bella (9) Tousif 58.5, 7. Mr Humble (5) Salman K 58.5, 8. Lady Godiva (10) S. Shareef 57.5, 9. Twilight Fame (7) Angad 57.5 and 10. Sling Shot (1) S. Saqlain 55.5.
1. EMPIRE OF DREAMS,
2. SLING SHOT,
3. MIGHTY SWALLOW

2 SADDLE UP PLATE (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 1-30: 1. Antilope (8) Likith Appu 62.5, 2. Baroness (14) Angad 62.5, 3. Bellissimo (1) Vivek 62.5, 4. Spirit Dancer (11) Darshan 62.5, 5. Sunway Lagoon (4) A. Imran 62.5, 6. The Strikingly (5) Sai Kiran 62.5, 7. Emma (7) L.A. Rozario 62, 8. Double Vision (6) Vinod Shinde 61.5, 9. Ooh La La (12) P. Mani 61.5, 10. Chiraag (9) M. Chandrashekar 60.5, 11. By The Book (3) Jagadeesh 60, 12. Max Mueller (10) S. Saqlain 56.5, 13. Red Lucifer (13) Vaibhav 55 and 12. Regal Force (2) S. Shareef 53.
1. MAX MUELLER, 2. BARONESS, 3. EMMA

3 TOTALIZATOR CUP (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 2-05: 1. Tripitaka (2) L.A. Rozario 62.5, 2. Chul Bul Rani (–) (–) 59, 3. Sheer Bliss (9) Vinod Shinde 57.5, 4. Singhsaab (4) Indrajeet S 56.5, 5. Agera (7) R. Pradeep 55, 6. Contador (6) Antony 55, 7. Flying Brave (8) B. Nayak 55, 8. Master Of Courage (5) Vivek 55, 9. Stunning Beauty (1) Sai Kiran 54.5, 10. Scarlet Ibis (10) Salman K 54 and 11. Maroon (3) S. Saqlain 53.5.
1. TRIPITAKA,
2. CONTADOR,
3. STUNNING BEAUTY

4 MYSORE RACE CLUB TROPHY (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 2-40: 1. Crown Witness (2) Suraj 56, 2. Del Pico (10) S. Saqlain 56, 3. Ruling Dynasty (9) Akshay K 56, 4. Sian (1) I. Chisty 56, 5. The Gallery Time (11) Sai Kiran 56, 6. Tigerking (3) Tousif 56, 7. Treasure Chest (6) Arshad 56, 8. Auspicious Queen (8) Angad 54.5, 9. Avondale (5) Trevor 54.5, 10. Estefania (4) Antony 54.5 and 11. Regal Aristocracy (7) Sandesh 54.5.
1. RULING DYNASTY,
2. DEL PICO,
3. CROWN WITNESS

5 VIDHANA SOUDHA CUP (1,600m), rated 40 to 65, 3-15: 1. Roudy (1) A. Imran 60, 2. Only You (3) Sandesh 58, 3. Inyouwebelieve (2) Trevor 57, 4. Rapidus (6) Akshay K 54, 5. Twilight Tornado (7) C.S. Jodha 53, 6. Clever Hans (8) Salman K 52.5, 7. Eco Friendly (5) Sai Kiran 52 and 8. Sea Blush (4) S. Saqlain 52.
1. RAPIDUS,
2. INYOUWEBELIEVE,
3. ONLY YOU

6 INDIAN REPUBLIC TROPHY (1,200m), rated 60 to 85, 3-50: 1. Knight In Hooves (12) M. Prabhakaran 61.5, 2. De Villiers (4) Trevor 59.5, 3. Aztec Queen (8) Akshay K 57, 4. Green Channel (1) C.S. Jodha 55, 5. Polished Girl (5) Suraj 55, 6. Del Mar (7) S. Saqlain 54.5, 7. Kensington Court (10) L.A. Rozario 54, 8. Cool Rider (2) Likith Appu 53.5, 9. Silver Ikon (11) Tousif 53, 10. Capable (6) Sai Kiran 51.5, 11. Anakin (9) Vinod Shinde 50.5 and 12. Isnt She Beautiful (3) Neeraj 50.
1. ISNT SHE BEAUTIFUL,
2. POLISHED GIRL,
3. AZTEC QUEEN

7 WOLF777 BANGALORE DERBY (2,400m), 4-y-o, (Terms), 4-30: 1. Ashwa Magadheera (1) Suraj 57, 2. Disruptor (5) Akshay K 57, 3. George Everest (6) Zervan 57, 4. Last Wish (3) C. S. Jodha 57, 5. Prague (4) Trevor 57, 6. Splendido (2) Sandesh 57, 7. Stormy Ocean (9) I. Chisty 57, 8. Tranquilo (8) Antony 57, 9. Trevalius (11) Srinath 57, 10. La Reina (10) Neeraj 55.5 and 11. Victoria Punch (7) S. Saqlain 55.5.
1. LA REINA,
2. TREVALIUS,
3. ASHWA MAGADHEERA

8 T.B. HANUMANTHARAJ MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 5-10: 1. Promise Kept (6) S. John 60.5, 2. Fernet Branca (7) L.A. Rozario 59, 3. Silver Dew (8) Darshan 58, 4. Smithsonian (13) Trevor 57, 5. Golden Vision (1) M. Prabhakaran 56, 6. Mystic Eye (11) Akshay K 56, 7. Secretsuperstar (14) R. Pradeep 55.5, 8. The Inheritor (12) Sai Kiran 55.5, 9. Flying Quest (10) Likith Appu 55, 10. Devils Magic (9) C.S. Jodha 54.5, 11. Schafenberg (3) Rayan 54.5, 12. Chisox (2) S. Saqlain 53.5, 13. Super Gladiator (4) Salman K 53 and 14. Lauterbrunnen (5) Angad 51.
1. MYSTIC EYE,
2. PROMISE KEPT,
3. FERNET BRANCA

9 TOTALIZATOR CUP (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-45: 1. The Omega Man (4) Naveen K 62.5, 2. Winmylove (9) S. John 62, 3. Amreli (1) Srinath 60.5, 4. Alcides Synergy (10) A. Imran 58.5, 5. Alaskan Jewel (7) S. Saqlain 58, 6. Archway (5) Antony 58, 7. Caesars Palace (3) Indrajeet S 58, 8. Gold Gray (2) Sai Kiran 58, 9. Worldly Wise (6) I. Chisty 56.5 and 10. My Solitaire (8) Akshay K 56.
1. ARCHWAY, 2. MY SOLITAIRE, 3. AMRELI
Day's best: **TRIPITAKA**
Double: **RAPIDUS – ISNT SHE BEAUTIFUL**
Jkt: 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9; Tr (i): 1, 2 and 3; (ii); 4, 5 and 6; (iii): 7, 8 and 9.

August wins the feature event

BENGALURU: Arjun Mangalorkar-trained August (Akshay Kumar up) won the Bangalore Winter Million, the chief event of the races held here on Wednesday (Jan. 25).

The winner is owned by M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP, Mr. Haider Soomar, Mr. Chandrakanth Kankaria & Mr. Gautam Aggarwal & Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta and Mr. Rajan Aggarwal.

Akshay Kumar won three races on the day.

1. NATIONAL TOURISM DAY PLATE (DIV. II): BELDONA (Sai Kiran) 1, Flamingo Road (Likith Appu) 2. Chul Bul Rani (Tousif) 3 and Cash Out (B. Dharshan) 4. 1-1/2, 1 and Nose. 1m, 13.50s. ₹56 (w), 18, 16 and 14 (p), SHP: 39, THP: 44, FP: 194, Q: 94, Trinella: 1304, Exacta: 7,156. Favourite: Flamingo Road. Owner: Mr. Nanda Kumar N. Trainer: Sharat Kumar.

2. GATEWAY OF INDIA PLATE (DIV. III): MYSTICAL MERKABAH (Kiran Rai) 1, Foi (Darshan) 2, Arrowette (Trevor) 3 and Bruce Almighty (Rayan) 4. 1/2, 1 and 2-1/2. 1m 26.70s. ₹36 (w), 12, 19 and 10 (p), SHP: 56, THP: 77, FP: 336, Q: 432, Trinella: 958, Exacta: 5,247. Favourite: Arrowette. Owners: Mr. S.N. Harish and Mr. V. Narayana Gowda. Trainer: Narayana Gowda.

3. LUNI PLATE: STELLAR GOLD (Darshan) 1, Memorable Time (S. Saqlain) 2, My Vision (R. Pradeep) 3 and Speed Seven (L.A. Rozario) 4. 7-3/4, 5 and 2-1/4. 1m, 39.25s. ₹20 (w), 16, 14 and 22 (p), SHP: 41, THP: 50, FP: 77, Q: 47, Trinella: 495, Exacta: 1,714. Favourite: Stellar Gold. Owner: Mr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: S. Ganapathy.

4. GATEWAY OF INDIA PLATE (DIV. II): ROMAN POWER (Akshay K) 1, Czarevitch (Trevor) 2, Aquamatic (S. Saqlain) 3 and Princess Jasmine (Salman K) 4. 1, 4-1/2 and Shd. 1m, 27.27s. ₹54 (w), 13, 11 and 25 (p), SHP: 49, THP: 53, FP: 98, Q: 24, Trinella: 383, Exacta: 4,888. Favourite: Czarevitch. Owners: Mr. Dean Stephens & Mr. Nitin Kumar Adiga. Trainer: Kishan Thomas.

5. SRIKANTADATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR MEMORIAL TROPHY: STAR GLORY (Suraj) 1, Golden Guest (B. Dharshan) 2, Peyo (Yash) 3 and Knotty Dancer (S. John) 4. Nose, 2 and 2-1/4. 1m, 12.37s. ₹15 (w), 12 and 20 (p), SHP: 42, THP: 36, FP: 81, Q: 59, Trinella: 406, Exacta: 660. Favourite: Star Glory. Owners: Mr. Daulat Chhabria & Mr. S. Narredu. Trainer: S. Narredu.

6. BANGALORE WINTER MILLION: AUGUST (Akshay K) 1, Zuri (I. Chisty) 2, Cat Whiskers (Trevor) 3 and Mystikos (Neeraj) 4. 1, Nose and 1-3/4. 1m, 13.75s. ₹32 (w), 13, 12 and 11 (p), SHP: 33, THP: 37, FP: 90, Q: 34, Trinella: 146, Exacta: 553. Favourite: Zuri. Owners: M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP, Mr. Haider Soomar, Mr. Chandrakanth Kankaria & Mr. Gautam Aggarwal & Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta and Mr. Rajan Aggarwal. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

7. BANGALORE RACE COURSE 160TH YEAR COMMEMORATION TROPHY: IMPERIAL BLUE (S. Saqlain) 1, All Attractive (Akshay K) 2, Moon' s Blessing (Trevor) 3 and Kensington (Antony) 4. 1/2, 1-3/4 and Shd. 1m, 37.20s. ₹56 (w), 14, 12 and 12 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 47, FP: 152, Q: 43, Trinella: 519, Exacta: 1,041. Favourite: All Attractive. Owner: M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.

8. GATEWAY OF INDIA PLATE (DIV. I): ALWAYS HAPPY (Akshay K) 1, Adjustment (Sandesh) 2, Eridani (S. Saqlain) 3 and Super Ruffian (S. John) 4. 2-1/4, 1-1/4 and 1/2. 1m, 26.87s. ₹25 (w), 14, 21 and 19 (p), SHP: 60, THP: 54, FP: 131, Q: 63, Trinella: 805, Exacta: 2,943. Favourite: Always Happy. Owners: M/s. Kunal Gupta Stud Farm LLP, Manjri Horse Breed's Farm Pvt Ltd and Mr. Shantanu Sharma. Trainer: Kishan Thomas.

9. NATIONAL TOURISM DAY PLATE (DIV. I): KINGS SPEECH (Tousif) 1, Jokshan (Sai Kiran) 2, Queen Regnant (Md. Aliyar) 3 and Classic Charm (Darshan) 4. Not run: Ozark. 3-1/4, Snk and 1/2. 1m, 13.68s. ₹30 (w), 16, 20 and 52 (p), SHP: 51, THP: 91, FP: 149, Q: 76, Trinella: 1,0670, Exacta: 27,798. Favourite: Kings Speech. Owner: Mr. H.S. Chandre Gowda. Trainer: Mahmood Khan.

Jackpot: ₹3,720 (24 tkts.); Runner-up: 386 (99 tkts.); Treble (i): 2,365 (two tkts.); (ii): 455 (21 tkts.); (iii): 1,238 (eight tkts.).

NEARLY THERE

Sania & Bopanna reach the mixed doubles final

Playing the last Grand Slam tournament of her career, Sania Mirza earned the chance to win her seventh major title by reaching the Australian Open mixed doubles final with Rohan Bopanna. The unseeded Indian pair knocked out third seeds Desirae Krawczyk and Neal Skupski 7-6(5), 6-7(5), [10-6] in the semifinal.

EMOTIONAL MANAGEMENT

Had to stop letting misses and mistakes define me, says Linette

"All through my life I've been taking mistakes and losses very personally, so I had to disconnect those two things. It was really difficult, because I felt a lot of times that the misses, the mistakes, were defining me," said Linette on her continuing "emotional management."

WATCH OUT!

Djokovic says he 'sent a message' with his last two dominant wins

Novak Djokovic said he "sent a message" through his wins in the last two rounds. "Playing against two guys who were in form and to beat them dominantly in three sets is something that I definitely want at this moment, something that sends a message to all my opponents," he said. "With this kind of game, the confidence level rises."

NEW APPROACH

I used to go for crazy shots to get out of tough situations: Sabalenka

Aryna Sabalenka is benefiting from a different approach when facing adversity on court. "Before I was trying to go for aces, go for crazy shots to get out easily from tough situations," she said. "Right now I keep saying: 'no, work for it, it's not going to be easy.'" Sabalenka will play Magda Linette for a place in Saturday's final.

Windfall for BCCI as women's T20 league finalises franchises

The Board richer by ₹4,670 crore as Adani Sportsline, Indiawin Sports, Royal Challengers Sports, JSW GMR Cricket and Capri Global Holdings win bids; the players' auction likely in early February; tournament to be held in March

WPL

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

The women's cricket ecosystem in India got a major fillip on Wednesday as the sale of franchises for the IPL-styled Women's Premier League (WPL) fetched the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) a cumulative tally of ₹4,670 crore.

Of the 16 bidders who turned up at a plush hotel in south Mumbai for acquiring one of the five WPL franchises on offer, the Adani Group – which lost out in the battle for an IPL team in October 2021 – paid a whopping ₹1,289 crore for the Ahmedabad-based Gujarat Giants.

Besides the Adanis, Capri Global Holdings Pvt. Ltd., which has made a foray into non-cricket leagues in India and in cricket through the Sharjah Warriors in the ILT20 in the UAE, was the other non-IPL franchise owner, shelling out ₹757 crore for the Lucknow franchise.

The other three owners were IPL team owners. IndiaWin Sports Pvt. Ltd., from the Mumbai Indians Reliance Industries Ltd. stable, bought the Mumbai franchise for ₹913 crore. The owners of Royal Challengers Bangalore and Delhi Capitals added a women's league to its fold by paying ₹901 crore and ₹810 crore respectively.

All about the Women's Premier League

Ownerspeak

> The launch of the Women's Premier League is a historic moment and I am proud that India is at the forefront of this change. As we bring the MI experience and best practices into the women's game, we look forward to seeing our women's team excel and inspire future generations of female athletes
>
> **NITA AMBANI**
> Owner, Mumbai Indians

> We held back all our investments in overseas teams to own a team that aligns with this philosophy and core value, and it gives us immense pleasure to have marked this accomplishment positively
>
> **PRATHMESH MISHRA,** Chairman, RCB

The owners

Amount	City	Owner
1,289 cr.	Ahmedabad	Adani Group
912.99 cr.	Mumbai	IndiaWin Sports (Mumbai Indians)
901 cr.	Bengaluru	Royal Challengers Sports Pvt. Ltd.
810 cr.	Delhi	JSW-GMR Cricket Pvt. Ltd. (Delhi Capitals)
757 cr.	Lucknow	Capri Global

The numbers game

4669.99 crore: Total revenue through franchise sale

22: Total matches in each of the first three seasons

12 crore: Likely team purse for the first season

18: Maximum squad size for each team

5: Overseas players allowed per team, if one of them is from Associate nations

Tentative dates: March 6 to 26

- The first season will be played in Mumbai, and possibly Pune
- The player auction is scheduled between February 1 and 10
- Each team will play each other twice in the league. The top team will qualify for the final. The second- and third-placed teams will play the Eliminator

Red-letter day

Terming the response to the WPL franchise bidding as "another red-letter day," BCCI secretary Jay Shah said the development is in sync with BCCI's policy of women empowerment.

"Right now, you know it's the age of women empowerment, so I think people are very keen to invest in women.

"Out of this, we will get good girls out of districts, cities and states (to increase the talent pool)"

IPL chairman Arun Dhumal hoped the WPL turns out be as big a success as the IPL.

"The responsibility lies on our shoulders to see to it that the faith that has been deposed on BCCI, we work extra hard to make sure that the WPL turns out to be at par with men's league, if not better," Dhumal said.

The Hindu understands that the four existing IPL franchises who lost out in the bidding war were Rajasthan Royals (₹180 cr.), Sunrisers Hyderabad (₹329 crore), Punjab Kings (₹412 cr.) and Kolkata Knight Riders (₹666 cr.).

The highest unsuccessful bid was for ₹737 crore by APL Sports Private Limited.

Grambusch brothers and Danneberg star as Germany shoots out England

HOCKEY WORLD CUP

Uthra Ganesan
BHUBANESWAR

Forty seconds was all it took for Germany to score twice and first equal, then knock out England from the World Cup on Wednesday in shootouts, reiterating its credentials as one of the most dangerous teams in world hockey and making its first semifinal since finishing runner-up in 2010.

England led 2-0 with three minutes to go but the teams finished level on 2-2 before Jean-Paul Danneberg, coming in as substitute goalkeeper in his first game of the competition, made the two crucial saves of his as yet brief seven-match international career while Germany converted all four of its attempts to go through.

Unlikely result

It was a result that looked highly unlikely all through the game that England dominated with a defensive masterclass and ironclad control of the midfield.

For most of the first half, the game was restricted to the midfield as the teams played percentage hockey, seeking to test the opponent and making only occasional forays into each other's circles.

One of those in the 11th minute saw Stuart Rushmere being put through at the backline and, juggling in the air with impressive 3D skills, transferred the ball to Zachary Wallace who slapped it into the net.

Germany was hardly given any space to move in a closed game and with its key players including Christopher Ruhr, Niklas Wellen and Marco Miltkau hemmed in all the time, the team lacked its usual pace. It improved in the second quarter and despite England's solid defence, managed to earn two penalty corners, but Gonzalo Peillat failed to score.

Jean-Paul the hero: Substitute goalkeeper Danneberg rose to the occasion for Germany in the shootout. BISWARANJAN ROUT

The game picked pace post the break as Germany shifted to shorter and more diagonal passes to break through, but England upped its attack as well to earn back-to-back PCs and go 2-0 up two minutes after resumption.

With five and half minutes to go, German coach Andre Henning took out the goalkeeper in search of a goal and was rewarded with a penalty stroke in the 56th minute that incredibly saw Ruhr hit the crossbar.

Luck seemed to be favouring England but that was before Wallace picked up a card a minute later. Reduced to nine versus 11 outfield players, England first saw Mats Grambusch reduce the margin, then concede another stroke, brother Tom making no mistake this time. Germany even earned a PC in the last 28 seconds but it had to wait till after the shootout to celebrate.

Later, the Dutch took time to get going with a nippy Korea pushing them hard, but took control as the match wore on, winning 5-1 in search of their fourth straight World Cup medal.

The Germans will next take on Australia in the semifinals in a repeat of their clash at the Tokyo Olympics, hoping to avenge their defeat 18 months ago and make their first final in 13 years while the Dutch will play Belgium in a replay of last edition's title clash.

The results (quarterfinals): Germany 2 (Mats Grambusch 57, Tom Grambusch 58) drew with England 2 (Zachary Wallace 11, Liam Ansell 32) (Germany won 4-3 on penalties); Netherlands 5 (Koen Bijen 27, 31, Justen Blok 36, Steijn van Heijningen 50, Teun Beins 58) bt Korea 1 (In woo Seo 51).

Djokovic crushes Rublev, Sabalenka rolls into semifinals

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Agence France-Presse
MELBOURNE

Novak Djokovic was two wins away from a 22nd Grand Slam crown after bulldozing into the Australian Open semifinals on Wednesday, while Aryna Sabalenka was equally impressive in reaching the women's last four.

The Serb delivered a masterclass to crush Russian fifth seed Andrey Rublev 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 and set up a meeting with Tommy Paul for a place in the final.

Djokovic's quest to go level with great rival Rafael Nadal on a leading 22 major titles carries an air of inevitability.

The 35-year-old has struggled with a hamstring injury in the early rounds at Melbourne Park but was dominant during his fourth-round demolition of Alex de Minaur and was equally clinical against the outclassed Rublev.

"I cannot be happier with my tennis, honestly," Djokovic told an adoring Rod Laver Arena.

"I've been playing very solid from the back of the court and I really love playing in these conditions and this court."

Victory for the red-hot favourite propelled him into a 44th Grand Slam semifinal to close the gap on Roger Federer's all-time record of 46.

Anything other than a rampant win for Djokovic against unseeded Paul would amount to a massive upset, albeit at a tournament that has seen numerous shocks in the men's and women's draws.

Paul defeated his fellow American Ben Shelton 7-6 (6), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 to reach his first major semifinal.

Sabalenka set up a semifinal with surprise-package Magda Linette after once again displaying the kind of form and finesse which has made her favourite for the women's title.

The Belarusian fifth seed defeated Croatia's Donna Vekic 6-3, 6-2 as she closes on a first Grand Slam title.

The match was closer than the score suggested, but Sabalenka was in scintillating form – she is yet to drop a set in Melbourne and has won all nine matches in 2023.

Linette stunned former World No. 1 Karolina Pliskova 6-3, 7-5 to continue flying the flag for Poland after the shock exit of world number one Iga Swiatek.

THE RESULTS

Quarterfinals: Men: 4-Djokovic (Srb) bt 5-Rublev (Rus) 6-1, 6-2, 6-4; Paul (USA) bt Shelton (USA) 7-6(6), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.
Women: Linette (Pol) bt 30-Pliskova (Cze) 6-3, 7-5; 5-Sabalenka (Blr) bt Vekic (Cro) 6-3, 6-2.

The day in numbers

26 Novak Djokovic's 26-match winning streak, which began in 2019, equalled the longest in the main draw (men's singles, Open era) at the Australian Open. He is now level with Andre Agassi whose run started in 2000 and lasted till 2004

1 Tommy Paul is the first American man to reach the semifinals at Melbourne Park after Andy Roddick in 2009

6 Sabalenka is the sixth woman (Open era), after Ann Jones, Billie Jean King, Chris Evert, Elena Dementieva and Naomi Osaka, to win her first four Slam quarterfinals

2 Andrey Rublev became the second man, after Tommy Robredo, to lose all his first seven Grand Slam last-eight matches (Open era)

3 Magda Linette is the third Polish woman in the Open era, after current World No. 1 Iga Swiatek and former World No. 2 Agnieszka Radwanska, to make it to the last-four stage of the Australian Open

COMPILED BY NIHIT SACHDEVA

Deflated India takes on Japan for a chance to play for 9/10 spots

Aashin Prasad
ROURKELA

While the party continues in Bhubaneswar, the host will be far away from it, forced to go through the embarrassment of the classification battle in the World Cup. A deflated India will take on Japan here at the Birsa Munda International Stadium on Thursday for a chance to play in the 9/10 place classification match.

No pre-match press conference was scheduled and head coach Graham Reid refused to entertain the media post their closed-door training late on Wednesday.

With the pressure off their backs, Reid will hope his team plays freely and rectifies the mistakes from the matches against Wales and New Zealand. While it improved on its decision-making in front of goal in the loss to the Black Sticks, concerns will remain over its penalty corners conversion rate – five goals from 26 attempts – and getting turned over in possession in its own half.

Of the five penalty corner goals, two were from rebounds and one without a goalkeeper as skipper Harmanpreet Singh's drag-flicks have underwhelmed.

With an expectant home crowd, India will seek to give them a reason to cheer against the tournament's lowest-scorer Japan (two goals). It will seek inspiration from the wins over India in the Asian Champions Trophy (2021) and Asia Cup (2022).

INBRIEF

Siraj becomes the top-ranked bowler in ODIs

India pacer Mohammed Siraj on Wednesday became the No. 1 in the ICC rankings for ODI bowlers, a testament to his rapid rise in international cricket. Siraj went past New Zealand's Trent Boult and Australia seamer Josh Hazlewood to become the top-ranked ODI bowler for the first time.

Gukesh holds Carlsen; Pragg draws with Caruana

D. Gukesh (three points) slowed down Magnus Carlsen (5) in his pursuit of a podium-finish by proving equal to him in 46 moves and R. Praggnanandhaa (5) held Fabiano Caruana (5) in the ninth round of the Masters section in the Tata Steel chess tournament at Wijk aan Zee on Tuesday.

The results (ninth round):
Masters: Magnus Carlsen (5) drew with D. Gukesh (3); R. Praggnanandhaa (5) drew with Fabiano Caruana (USA, 5); Arjun Erigaisi (3) lost to Richard Rapport (Rom, 4.5); Vincent Keymer (Ger, 3) drew with Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb, 6.5); Ding Liren (Chn, 4) lost to Anish Giri (Ned, 6); Parham Maghsoodloo (Iri, 4) drew with Wesley So (USA, 5.5); Levon Aronian (5) drew with Jorden van Foreest (Ned, 3.5).
Challengers: R. Vaishali (3.5) lost to Mustafa Yilmaz (Tur, 6.5); B. Adhiban (5) bt Eline Roebers (Ned, 2.5); Javokhir Sindarov (Uzb, 6) bt Abhimanyu Mishra (USA, 3); Amin Tabatabaei (Iri, 5) drew with Velimir Ivic (Srb, 6); Alexander Donchenko (Ger, 6) lost to Erwin L'Ami (Ned, 4.5); Thomas Beerdsen (Ned, 5) lost to Max Warmerdam (Ned, 4.5); Jergus Pechac (Svk, 2) drew with Luis Supi (Bra, 3.5).

Rohit Kumar bowls Karnataka to an outright win

An excellent spell of five for 37 by left-arm spinner A.C. Rohit Kumar helped Karnataka bowl out Himachal Pradesh for 185 in 62.4 overs in its second innings, and register an outright 66-run win, on the final day of their Col. C.K.Nayadu Trophy U-25 match at Mysuru on Wednesday.

The scores: Karnataka 166 in 77.4 overs & 299 in 89.4 overs bt Himachal Pradesh 214 in 67.4 overs & 185 in 62.4 overs (R.I.Thakur 43, S.C. Arora 32, Mukul Negi 29, A.C. Rohit Kumar 5/37).

Men's doubles format at Wimbledon to be best-of-three

The men's doubles format at Wimbledon has been changed to best-of-three sets to bring it in line with the other three Grand Slam tournaments. The All England Club announced the switch from best-of-five sets on Wednesday and said the reduction could attract more players to enter the competition. It also provides the referee's office "with greater certainty when scheduling matches during the event," the club said in a statement.

Lakshya and Saina advance; Srikanth exits

Lakshya Sen and Saina Nehwal advanced to the second round with contrasting wins at the Indonesia Masters Super 500 tournament here on Wednesday.

K. Srikanth continued to flatter to deceive as he blew a 18-15 lead and two game points in the second game to lose 10-21, 22-24 against Indonesia Shesar Hiren Rhustavito. H.S. Prannoy also exited, losing to Japan's Kanta Tsuneyama 21-19, 21-10.

Thumping win for Karnataka women over Baroda

Vrinda Dinesh top-scored with an unbeaten 91 as Karnataka recorded a thumping nine-wicket win over Baroda in the BCCI senior one-day Trophy in Mumbai.

The scores: Baroda 183 in 45.4 overs (Atoshi Banerjee 54, Kesha 44, Tanvir Shaikh 30, Monica C. Patel 3/18) lost to Karnataka 185/1 in 28.2 overs (Shubha Satheesh 76, Vrinda Dinesh 91 n.o.).

LIVE TELECAST

BWF Indonesia Masters: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 a.m.
Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Hockey World Cup: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 11.30 a.m., 2, 4.30 & 7 p.m.
Australian Open: Sony Sports Ten 2, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 2 p.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 p.m.
ISL: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Padikkal's century helps Karnataka take the lead

The southpaw forges a valuable 90-run stand with Shubhang after the Jharkhand attack reduces the visitors to 131 for five; Sharath chips in with an aggressive 60 to help the cause

RANJI TROPHY

Sports Bureau

Devdutt Padikkal struck a crucial century (114, 175b, 7x4, 5x6) to give Karnataka the first-innings lead against Jharkhand on the second day of their Ranji Trophy Elite Group 'C' encounter at the Keenan Stadium in Jamshedpur on Wednesday.

Padikkal, playing his third match after returning from a long illness layoff, recorded his second First Class hundred to put Karnataka ahead.

Padikkal showed glimpses of his class with scores of 29 and 32 in the previous outings, but this time around, the southpaw made it count to underline the immense value he brings to the State team.

In reply to Jharkhand's first innings total of 164, Karnataka found itself in a spot of bother at 131 for five. Padikkal and Shubhang Hegde (35, 74b, 5x4) got together for a 90-run stand to steer Karnataka to safe waters. Wicketkeeper-batter B.R. Sharath, who came in at eight, made an aggressive 75-ball 60 to power Karnataka to a 136-run innings lead.

Experienced Jharkhand left-arm spinner Shahbaz Nadeem, playing his 131st First Class match, took a five-for.

Back in it: Padikkal, returning from injury, notched up his second First Class hundred.
FILE PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Jharkhand did well to negotiate the evening session with the bat, moving to 85 for two. Kumar Suraj (34 batting, 95b, 4x4) and Kumar Kushagra (24 batting, 31b, 3x4) kept the Karnataka bowlers at bay. The home team finished the day with an overall deficit of 51 runs.

The score:

Jharkhand — 1st innings: 164.

Karnataka — 1st innings: R. Samarth b Roy 31, Mayank Agarwal c Aryaman b Nadeem 20, Devdutt Padikkal c (sub) Pankaj Kumar b Roy 114, Nikin Jose st Kushagra b Nadeem 9, Manish Pandey c Suraj b Nadeem 19, Shreyas Gopal run out 2, Shubhang Hegde c Roy b Vikram 35, B.R. Sharath c & b Roy 60, K. Gowtham b Nadeem 3, Vidwath Kaverappa b Nadeem 5, V. Koushik (not out) 0; Extras (b-1, lb-1): 2; Total (in 89.1 overs): 300.

Fall of wickets: 1-46, 2-66, 3-81, 4-119, 5-131, 6-221, 7-271, 8-280, 9-296.

Jharkhand bowling: Ashish 12-1-25-0, Chakraborty 2-0-9-0, Nadeem 36-2-141-5, Roy 22.1-4-66-3, Vikram 16-2-50-1, Virat 1-0-7-0.

Jharkhand — 2nd innings: Kumar Deobrat c Mayank b Gowtham 20, Aryaman Sen c Sharath b Koushik 0, Kumar Suraj (batting) 34, Kumar Kushagra (batting) 24; Extras (b-4, lb-2, nb-1): 7; Total (for two wkts. in 28 overs): 85.

Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-32.

Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 4-0-16-0, Koushik 5-2-8-1, Shreyas 10-2-31-0, Gowtham 8-1-21-1, Shubhang Hegde 1-0-3-0.

RANJI TROPHY SCORES

Elite (Round Seven, Day Two):
Group-A: At Kolkata: Odisha 265 in 98 overs (Shantanu Mishra 42, Subhranshu Senapati 67) vs Bengal 39/2 in 15 overs.
At Rohtak: Haryana 158/6 in 53 overs vs Uttarakhand.
At Nadaun: Himachal Pradesh 15/0 in 4.4 overs vs Uttar Pradesh.
At Vadodara: Baroda 561/6 decl. in 128 overs (Vishnu Solanki 179, Atit Sheth 140 n.o., Mitesh Patel 41 n.o.) vs Nagaland 130 in 45.5 overs (Hokaito Zhimomi 44, Bhargav Bhatt 5/40) & 19/3 in 7 overs.
Group-B: At Vizianagaram: Assam 113 & 62/5 in 23 overs vs Andhra 361 in 112 overs (Karan Shinde 90 n.o., Shoaib Md. Khan 42, Swarupam Purkayastha 4/48).
At Mumbai: Maharashtra 384 in 115 overs (Saurabh Nawale 58, Akshay Palkar 66 n.o., Mohit Avasthi 5/89) vs Mumbai 187/5 in 56.4 overs (Prasad Pawar 99 batting).
At Hyderabad: Hyderabad 355 in 124 overs (Rohit Rayudu 153 n.o.) vs Delhi 223/5 in 50 overs (Yash Dhull 72, Ayush Badoni 78 batting).
At Chennai: Tamil Nadu 324 in 142.4 overs (B. Indrajith 66, Vijay Shankar 53, M. Shahrukh Khan 50, Yuvrajsinh Dodiya 4/72) vs Saurashtra 92/3 in 35 overs.
Group-C: At Jamshedpur: Jharkhand 164 & 85/2 in 28 overs vs Karnataka 300 in 89.1 overs (Devdutt Padikkal 114, B.R. Sharath 60, Shahbaz Nadeem 5/141).
At Raipur: Chhattisgarh 531/9 decl. in 155 overs (Harpreet Singh 96, Shahbaz Hussain 40, Vashudev Bareth 48 n.o., Ravi Kiran 46 n.o.) vs Goa 51/1 in 17 overs.
At Puducherry: Pondicherry 371 in 127.3 overs (Paras Dogra 159, Arun Karthik 85, Akash Kargave 48, Jalaj Saxena 5/75) vs Kerala 111/3 in 43 overs.
At Jodhpur: Services 178 & 181/2 in 60 overs (Ravi Chauhan 97 batting) vs Rajasthan 136 in 45.4 overs (Pulkit Narang 5/39).
Group-D: At Indore: Tripura 362 in 134.3 overs vs Madhya Pradesh 98/1 in 35 overs (Shubham Sharma 53 batting).
At Ahmedabad: Railways 508 in 116.4 overs (Upendra Yadav 79, Yuvraj Singh 50, Chintan Gaja 4/106, Hardik Patel 4/94) vs Gujarat 188/9 in 56 overs (Himanshu Sangwan 4/64).
At Mohali: Vidarbha 88/2 in 31 overs vs Punjab.
At Chandigarh: Chandigarh 18 for no loss in 6 overs vs Jammu & Kashmir.
Plate (Final, Day One): Bihar 392/4 in 90 overs (Sachin Kumar 45, Sakibul Gani 191 batting, Bipin Saurabh 117 batting) vs Manipur.

Manish Sureshkumar enters second round

Sports Bureau

Manish Sureshkumar beat Yaroslav Demin of Russia 6-3, 6-7(1), 6-3 to move into the pre-quarterfinals of the $25,000 ITF men's tennis tournament in Manacor, Spain.

Other results: First round:

$25,000 ITF men, Al Zahra, Kuwait: Bor Artnak (Slo) bt Mukund Sasikumar 6-3, 6-4.

$15,000 ITF men, Jakarta, Indonesia: Sanhui Shin (Kor) bt Siddharth Vishwakarma 6-2, 6-0; Karan Singh bt Gunawan Trismuwantara (Ina) 6-2, 6-3.

Wishaya Trongcharoenchaikul (Tha) bt Niki Poonacha 7-6(4), 6-3; Sidharth Rawat bt Derek Pham (Aus) 7-6(5), 7-5; S.D. Prajwal Dev bt Anthony Susanto (Ina) 6-1, 4-6, 6-0.

Moerani Bouzige (Aus) bt Abhinav Sanjeev Shanmugam 7-6(5), 6-7(5), 7-6(9).

Suryakumar named ICC's Men's Cricketer of the Year

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

Swashbuckling Indian batter Suryakumar Yadav was on Wednesday named the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year for his remarkable run in the shortest format of the game.

Suryakumar beat the likes of Sam Curran, Mohammad Rizwan and Sikandar Raza for the top honour.

"I enjoyed many highlights during the year and to receive this award is another reason why 2022 was very special for me, with a lot of positives to take moving forward," said Suryakumar.

Smriti Mandhana lost out to Australia's Tahlia McGrath in the women's category.

Talented youngsters Marco Jansen and Renuka Singh were named Emerging Cricketers of the Year.

Suryakumar Yadav. FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

Renuka Singh.
FILE PHOTO

Renuka gained her first cap for India in October 2021 and hasn't looked back since. The swing bowler claimed 40 international wickets during the year - 18 in ODIs and 22 in T20Is.

"It was a dream for me making my debut for India in late 2021, and to be identified as the leading emerging talent in the women's game gives me great confidence that I am on the right track," said Renuka.

India-New Zealand ODI series in numbers

Batting	M	Runs	HS	Avg.	SR	100s/50s
Gill	3	360	208	180.00	128.57	2/0
Bracewell	3	188	140	62.66	144.61	1/0
Rohit	3	186	101	62.00	107.51	1/1

Bowling	M	Overs	Wkts.	BBI	Econ.	4W
Shardul	3	19.2	6	3/45	6.46	0
Kuldeep	3	24.3	6	3/62	5.46	0
Siraj	2	16	5	4/46	3.50	1

BENGALURU ROUND UP

Brahmanya Theertha sizzles

Brahmanya Theertha R. Kuber continued his splendid form by scoring a double century (222 n.o.) as St. Paul's English School hammered Jyothi Kendriya Vidyalaya by 237 runs in the BTR Shield under-14 (Group I) second division tournament.

The scores: St. Paul's English School 364/6 in 50 overs (Brahmanya Theertha R. Kuber 222 n.o., Faiz Ul Haq 32) bt Jyothy Kendriya Vidyalaya 127 in 33.4 overs (N. Nayan Shandilya 54, Nikhil S. Gowda 4/33).

Vidyashilp Academy 422/4 in 49 overs (Krish Singh Dhami 79, Khush Kothari 127, K.C. Abhay Surya 106 n.o., Ojas Shrivastava 50 n.o.) bt Triveni Memorial Educational Trust 18 in 7.3 overs (Khush Kothari 6/5, Sriram Kari 3/13).

Vidyaniketan Public School, CBSE 409/4 in 50 overs (Arjun A. Naik 261 n.o., Samanth N. Bhat 51) bt BNM School 73 in 28.1 overs (K. Rudraksh 26, Himal Bhatt 5/6, Ganesh Mohan Kumar 3/2).

Vibgyor High Marathahalli 93 in 35.1 overs lost to Sri RV School, Kolar 95/3 in 22 overs (S.M. Rakshith Gowda 45, Nihaal Rajendraprasad Pagaku 3/19).

Presidency School, Nandini Layout 195 in 39.2 overs (M.V. Rahul Gowda 29, Aryan Kavan Gowda 52, H.S. Gourav 35 n.o., S. Amogh Sanil 4/35, Deeshant 3/37) lost to Carmel School, Padmanabhanagar 198/6 in 47.2 overs (Aadhrit Praveen 26, Navneet Anil Kumar 99 n.o., Saharsh R. Shetty 4/31).

Frank Anthony Public School 251/5 in 50 overs (Rrishi Saklecha 28, Nakka Manvesh Vasu 60, S. Rishi Harivatsa 51, Mahiraj Singh Sisodia 36, Aarav Mutha 33 n.o.) bt Sri Aurobindo Mem School, CBSE 139 in 37.4 overs (Kavyu Dugar 48, Rishi Bathla 42, Harshith Raja 3/29, M. Thaman Sai 3/17).

Brahmanya Theertha R. Kuber.

Jonathan stars for Bangalore City FC

Jonathan Piers scored four goals as Bangalore City FC blanked RS Sports FC 5-0 in the BDFA B-division league football here on Wednesday.

The results: Bangalore City FC 5 (Jonathan Aditya Piers 25, 37, 42, 46, K.R. Rahul 65) bt RS Sports FC 0; Bangalore Warriors FC 2 (Md. Rayan 15, Kevin Lourd Nadan 33) bt Royals FC 0.

Brace for Abhinandan and Ankith

Abhinandan and G. Ankith scored a brace each as Young Star HC, Raichur thrashed Bangalore United HC 9-2 in the KSHA A-division hockey league here on Wednesday.

The results: Young Star HC, Raichur 9 (Abhinandan 9, 22, M. Babu 12, N.K. Vinayak 13, G. Ankith 19, 40, Shrikanth 34, Mohd. Talib 39, Y. Deepak 49) bt Bangalore United HC 2 (Vivek Uthappa 15, Avinash 60); Guru HC 2 (Bishal Oram 37, Ram Kumar 42) bt Karnataka Forest Department 1 (D.S. Darshan 52).

TN girls continue unbeaten run

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Tamil Nadu girls continued their unbeaten run with a 97-60 defeat of Chhattisgarh on the concluding day of the second round matches at the 72nd junior National basketball championships here on Wednesday.

In the quarterfinals scheduled for Thursday, Tamil Nadu will take on Madhya Pradesh.

The results:
Men: Rajasthan 86 (Ayush Choudhary 28, Mohit 14) bt Mizoram 50 (Lalrinhlua 12); Chandigarh 67 (Abhishek 16, Udhit Ravish 14, Himanshu 13) bt Tamil Nadu 59 (S. Pragalathan 20, B. Subin Vel 14); Madhya Pradesh 79 (Bhagat Singh 20, Vikas Sharma 18) bt Punjab 69 (Shaibjit Singh 24, Harmonjot Singh Cheema 13); Uttar Pradesh 94 (Aman Kaushik 27, Kushal Singh 20, Harsh Dagar 19, Mohd. Kaif 18) bt Karnataka 66 (S. Sanketh 19 Nihal 17, N.M. Vishnu 15).

Women: Punjab 72 (Manmeet Kaur 22, Kavya Singla 17, Karanveer Kaur 17) bt Kerala 47; Maharashtra 68 (Ananya Bhavsar 26, Gunjan Mantri 15, Richa Ravi 13) bt Madhya Pradesh 58 (Khushi Pal Singh 25, Osheen Singh 15); Tamil Nadu 97 (K. Satya 30, R. Deepthi 24, A. Nitika 16) bt Chhattisgarh 60 (D. Kirti 20, Moni Adla 16, Riya Pramod 10); Uttar Pradesh 87 (Shimla Gupta 26, Aanavi Anand 22, Vidhi Yadav 15) bt Chandigarh 54 (Arpita Dey 15, Anshu 11).